



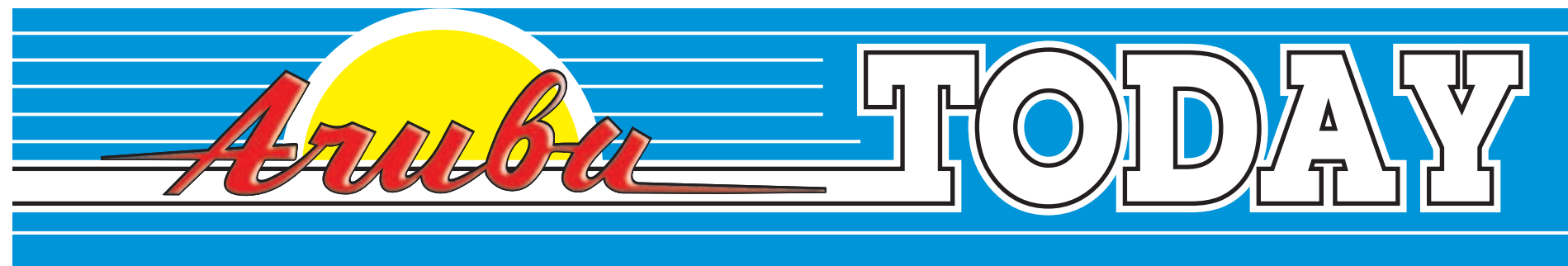
## ARUBA TOURISM AUTHORITY SHOWS ITS APPRECIATION

Page 13



## KIWANIS CIRCLE K CLUB CARES FOR THE ELDERLY ON ARUBA

Page 15



On Top Of The News Email:news@arubatoday.com website: www.arubatoday.com Tel:+297 582-7800 Monday, October 13, 2014



A hazmat worker cleans outside the apartment building of a hospital worker, Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014, in Dallas. The Texas health care worker, who was in full protective gear when they provided hospital care for Ebola patient Thomas Eric Duncan, who later died, has tested positive for the virus and is in stable condition, health officials said Sunday.

(AP Photo/LM Otero)

# Dallas Health Worker Tests Positive for Ebola

**NOMAAN MERCHANT**  
**Associated Press**

**DALLAS (AP)** — A “breach of protocol” at the hospital where Ebola victim Thomas Eric Duncan was treated before his death led to the infection of a health care worker with the deadly virus, and other caregivers could potentially be exposed, federal health officials said Sunday.

The hospital worker, a woman who was not identified by officials, wore protective gear while treating the Liberian patient, and she has been unable to point to how the breach might have occurred, said Dr. Tom Frieden, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Duncan was the first person in the U.S. diagnosed with

Ebola.

The CDC confirmed Sunday afternoon that the woman had tested positive for Ebola — the first known case of the disease being contracted or transmitted in the U.S.

The missteps with the first patient and now the infection of a caregiver raised questions about assurances given by U.S. health of-

officials that any American hospital should be able to treat an Ebola patient and that the disease would be contained.

At a briefing in Atlanta, Frieden said that at some point during Duncan’s treatment, “there was a breach in protocol, and that breach in protocol resulted in this infection.” He added that officials were “deeply con-

cerned” by the infection of the worker.

President Barack Obama asked the CDC to move as quickly as possible in investigating the incident, the White House said.

Dallas police stood guard outside her apartment complex and told people not to go inside.

**Continued on page 3**



# \$5.4B pledged to Gaza Strip after Israel-Hamas war

**HAMZA HENDAWI**

**Associated Press**

**CAIRO (AP)** — A donor conference in Cairo to raise money for Gaza after this year's war between Hamas and Israel ended

Norwegian Foreign Minister Borge Brende offered the figure at the end of Sunday's one-day conference, far beyond the \$4 billion initially sought by Palestinian President Mahmoud

relief and other projects needed in the war-ravaged territory. The message was clear to the international community that the Palestinian brothers are not alone,"

as a regional player as Gulf Arab rival the United Arab Emirates promised \$200 million. The pledges followed U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry earlier announcing

ing role in the Middle East in recent years, said it was donating \$200 million.

Delegates representing some 50 nations and 20 regional and international organizations applauded the pledge by Qatar, a tiny but energy-rich Gulf Arab nation at odds with its larger neighbors, like the Emirates.

The Emirates, like regional heavyweight Saudi Arabia, alleges that Qatar uses its massive wealth to undermine regional stability, primarily through meddling in other nations' affairs and aiding militant Islamic groups like Gaza's Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood, the Arab world's oldest Islamist group with branches across much of the region.

Qatari Foreign Minister Khalid bin Mohammed al-Attiyah, in announcing his country's pledge, denounced the "international silence" that surrounded Gaza's destruction.

"While the Palestinian people need financial support, they need more political support from the international community," he said. "A just peace is the only real guarantee for not destroying what we are about to rebuild and reconstruct."

Organizers of the Cairo conference hope the pledges will be paid over the period of three years to aid reconstruction in the Gaza Strip, which borders Israel and Egypt. Both countries have blockaded Gaza since Hamas took power there in 2007, causing the territory of 1.8 million people economic hardships and high unemployment.

Donors plan to funnel the aid through Abbas' Palestinian Authority, and bypass Hamas. Abbas and Hamas recently formed a national unity government which held its first Cabinet meeting in Gaza last week. The Western-backed Abbas, speaking to delegates, said the latest Gaza war caused "tragedies that are difficult to be described by words. ... Entire neighborhoods have been reduced to rubble."



**U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry shakes hands with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas at Andalus Villa in Cairo, Egypt, Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014, on the sidelines of a one-day conference to help Gaza rebuild after the war between Israel and Hamas. The latest conflict in Gaza was the most ruinous of the three wars, killing more than 2,000 Palestinians - mostly civilians, the U.N. said. Another 11,000 were wounded, and some 100,000 people remain homeless.**

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster, Pool)

with pledges of \$5.4 billion, half of which will be "dedicated" to the reconstruction of the coastal strip, Norway's foreign minister said Sunday.

Abbas. He did not say what will the other half of the funds would be spent on, but other delegates have spoken of boosting economic activity, emergency

Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shukri said. Qatar pledged \$1 billion toward the reconstruction, once again using its vast wealth to reinforce its role

immediate American assistance of \$212 million. The European Union pledged 450 million euros (\$568 million), while Turkey, which has been playing a grow-

## Islamic State magazine says group enslaved Yazidis

**VIVIAN SALAMA**

**Associated Press**

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — Islamic State group militants captured, enslaved and sold Yazidi women and children, the latest issue of a magazine purportedly published by the extremists claimed Sunday, the group's first public confirmation of the allegations.

The claim came as Human Rights Watch said Sunday that hundreds of Yazidi men, women and children from Iraq are being held captive in makeshift detention facilities in Iraq and

Syria by the group. Tens of thousands of Yazidis fled into the Sinjar Mountains, many getting stranded there for weeks, after the militant onslaught on Sinjar in August, part of the Islamic State group's lightning advance across northern and western Iraq. Hundreds were killed in the attack, and tens of thousands fled for their lives, most to the Kurdish-held parts of northern Iraq. Iraq's Human Rights Ministry said at the time that hundreds of women were abducted by the militants,

who consider the Yazidis, a centuries-old religious minority, a heretical sect. Some also alleged the Islamic State group enslaved and sold Yazidi women and children, though the group itself did not comment on it. The issue of Dabiq magazine released Sunday stated that "the enslaved Yazidi families are now sold by the Islamic State soldiers." It added that "the Yazidi women and children were then divided according to the Shariah amongst the fighters of the Islamic State who participated in the Sin-

jar operations." Most of the Yazidis are now displaced in northern Iraq, many having lost loved ones in their flight to safety. Some say that their women and girls were snatched during the militant raid. In one section of the magazine, a statement attributed to Mohammed al-Adnani, the spokesman for the Islamic State group, read: "We will conquer your Rome, break your crosses, and enslave your women," addressing those who do not subscribe to its hard-line interpretation of Islam.



# Dallas health worker tests Positive for Ebola

Continued from front

Officers also knocked on doors, made automated phone calls and passed out fliers to notify people within a four-block radius about the situation, although Dallas authorities assured residents the risk was confined to those who have had close contact with the two Ebola patients.

The worker wore a gown, gloves, mask and shield while she cared for Duncan during his second visit to Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital, said Dr. Daniel Varga of Texas Health Resources, which runs the hospital.

Duncan, who arrived in the U.S. from Liberia to visit family Sept. 20, first sought medical care for fever and abdominal pain Sept. 25. He told a nurse he had traveled from Africa, but he was sent home. He returned Sept. 28 and was placed in isolation be-

cause of suspected Ebola. He died Wednesday.

Liberia is one of the three West African countries most affected by the Ebola epidemic, which has killed more than 4,000 people, according to World Health Organization figures published Friday. The others are Sierra Leone and Guinea.

Texas health officials have been closely monitoring nearly 50 people who had or may have had close contact with Duncan in the days after he started showing symptoms but before he was diagnosed with the disease.

The health care worker reported a fever Friday night as part of a self-monitoring regimen required by the CDC, Varga said.

Another person who was described as a "close contact" of the health worker has been proactively placed in isolation, he added, without elaborating on where that person is being monitored. The hospital said its emergency department is diverting



Dr. Tom Frieden, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, speaks at a news conference, Sunday Oct. 12, 2014, in Atlanta. A Texas health care worker, who was in full protective gear when providing hospital care for Ebola patient Thomas Eric Duncan, who later died, has tested positive for the virus and is in stable condition.

(AP Photo/John Amis)

ambulances to other hospitals, though still accepting walk-in patients.

Frieden said officials are now evaluating and will monitor any workers who may have been exposed

while Duncan was in the hospital.

Among the things the CDC will investigate is how the workers took off protective gear, because removing it incorrectly can lead to

contamination. Investigators will also look at dialysis and intubation — the insertion of a breathing tube in a patient's airway. Both procedures have the potential to spread the virus. □

## Fay hits Bermuda, becomes hurricane in open waters

DAVID McFADDEN

Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— Hurricane Fay toppled utility poles and knocked out power to thousands of people in Bermuda before moving out over open ocean on Sunday, just as a new storm raced toward the eastern rim of the Caribbean threatening to become a hurricane.

Fay strengthened into a hurricane Sunday afternoon but was expected to return shortly to tropical storm strength, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

Meanwhile, Tropical Storm Gonzalo was centered roughly 125 miles (205 kilometers) east of the Guadeloupe Sunday afternoon and was expected to pick up strength as it moved toward Puerto Rico, according to the center.

Tracking west at about 12 mph (19 kph), forecasters said accelerating Gonzalo could reach hurri-

cane strength by the time it hit Puerto Rico's southern coastline Tuesday morning. After tracking across the U.S. Caribbean territory of about 3.6 million people, forecasters expect Gonzalo to curve over the open Atlantic and stay away from the U.S. East Coast.

Tropical storm warnings and watches were issued for a number of Caribbean locales, including the French dependency of Guadeloupe, the Dutch Caribbean territory of St. Maarten, as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

As the wind began to pick up under partly blue skies on Sunday, Caribbean residents wary of a possible blow from the approaching tropical storm stocked up on fuel and groceries and pulled boats ashore or moored them at marinas.

"We're being told that it's coming this way so people are trying to find safe havens for their boats. Hope-

fully, all we'll get is some rain but you have to be prepared as best as you can," said Jane Wheren, operations director at Crown Bay Marina, which caters to mega yachts and other pleasure watercraft up to 200 feet (60 meters) in length.

From Puerto Rico, the U.S. Coast Guard warned people to avoid the ocean and stay away from shoreline

rocks starting noon Monday. "Tropical Storm Gonzalo is developing quickly," said Guard Capt. Robert Warren.

Rain-swollen Gonzalo was expected to move through parts of the Leeward Islands by early Monday, producing 4 inches to 8 inches (10 centimeters to 20 centimeters) of rain, with some areas potentially getting soaked with as much as 12

inches (30 centimeters). The storm forecasts prompted at least one cruise ship company to tweak its itineraries. Carnival Cruise Lines' Breeze ship cancelled a visit in La Romana, Dominican Republic, and its Liberty vessel is moving to western Caribbean ports to avoid the storm, according to spokesman Vance Gulliksen. □

**The Blue Lobster**  
International Cuisine & Lobster House

Palm Beach 164 A, Noord, Tel.: (297) 586-3843  
Info@arubabluelobster.com  
www.arubabluelobster.com  
These promotions are not valid with any other promotions and are subject to change at management's discretion

**3 Course Lobster/International Menu**  
Indulge in any of our 5 appetizers, choice of 10 superb main dishes & melt away with a delicious dessert.  
for only **\$ 42.00 P.P. !!**  
mondays, wednesdays & fridays  
A la carte menu available upon request

8oz Lobstertail Included



# Teen dead, more than 20 hurt in US hayride crash

**PATRICK WHITTLE**  
**Associated Press**  
**MECHANIC FALLS, Maine**  
**(AP)** — A Halloween-themed hayride loaded with passengers crashed down a hill in the Maine woods and slammed into a tree, killing a teenage girl and leaving more than 20 other people hurt, police said Sunday.

Seventeen-year-old Cassidy Charette died from her injuries after the Gauntlet Haunted Night Ride wagon overturned Saturday night at a rural farm in Mechanic Falls, authorities said.

The crash "threw everyone off the trailer and into each other and into trees," said Sgt. Joel Davis of the state fire marshal's office. He said a mechanical problem prevented the SUV pulling the wagon from stopping.

Several actors participating in the ride's scenes assisted the injured riders — including some performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation

— and likely helped prevent the accident from being even worse, Davis said. About a half-dozen of those hurt remained hospitalized

Sunday afternoon but their injuries did not appear life-threatening, Davis said. Charette was among a group of friends who visit

Harvest Hills Farm every fall, Davis said. One of her fellow students at Messalonskee High School, 16-year-old Connor Garland was

being treated at Boston Children's Hospital, state police spokesman Steve McCausland said.

The hay wagon was being pulled by a 1979 Jeep when it crashed, according to the fire marshal's office. The driver, identified by police as David Brown, 54, was among those hospitalized.

Brown is an experienced trucker who has a commercial driver's license, according to a spokesman for the farm.

The sprawling New England farm is set on a forested hill in a rural area about 25 miles (40 kilometers) southwest of Augusta, set back from a two-lane road. The farm also features Pumpkin Land — a daytime attraction.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the family," farm spokesman Scott Lansley said. "We're a tight community. This is really a tragedy for us."



Gates that lead to the Gauntlet Haunted Night Ride at Harvest Hills Farm in Mechanic Falls, Me., are open Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014, although the farm was closed after a Halloween-themed hay ride accident during the Gauntlet Haunted Night Ride crashed into a tree Saturday night, killing a teenage girl and leaving more than 20 other people injured, police said Sunday. The farm remains closed while police investigate.

(AP Photo/Patrick Whittle)



**Monday Madness!**

**Play in our fantastic FREE Entry Slot Tournament every Monday!**

*Registration starts at 7pm with a \$500 CASH PRIZE pool!*

**The Shops**  
**At Alhambra Casino**

Offering a wide variety of  
**Retail & Dining Outlets,**  
**Salon & Spa Services,**  
**Souvenirs and more.**

*Where Aruba goes to play!*

Open daily 10am to 4am • J.E. Irausquin Blvd #47 • 583.5000 • [casinoalhambra.com](http://casinoalhambra.com)

Must be an Alhambra Advantage member. All programs and promotions are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice.



Baskin Robbins • Dunkin Donuts  
 Fusion Piano & Wine Bar  
 Juan Valdez Café • Subway • R-Glass  
 Shalom Body and Soul Spa  
 Hollywood Smokehouse  
 Hungry Piranha • Aruba Aloe  
 Bijoux Terner Boutique  
 The Lazy Lizard • The Market



# St. Louis reports arrests at police shooting protests

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Seventeen people were arrested during weekend protests, St. Louis police said Sunday, and more demonstrations were planned over the shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown in suburban Ferguson this summer. Organizers of the four-day Ferguson October summit are protesting the shooting of the black man by a white policeman, which sparked sometimes violent

tion" led by local and visiting clergy members is planned for Ferguson and other spots in and around St. Louis. Protest leaders don't plan to release details until shortly ahead of time to avoid tipping off law enforcement.

"We still are knee deep in this situation," Kareem Jackson, a St. Louis rap artist and community organizer whose stage name is Tef Poe, said Saturday. "We

Outside Busch Stadium in downtown St. Louis, where the Cardinals baseball team was playing the San Francisco Giants this weekend in the National League Championship Series of professional baseball, several dozen protesters stood on the sidewalk Saturday night, chanting and holding signs. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that fans headed to the game mainly went around the protest-

gan Friday afternoon with a march outside the St. Louis County prosecutor's office, where protesters renewed calls for prosecutor Bob McCulloch to charge Darren Wilson, a white Ferguson officer, in the Aug. 9 death of Brown. A grand jury is reviewing the case and the Justice Department has opened a civil rights investigation. Organizers said beforehand that they expected as many as 6,000 to 10,000 participants for the weekend's events.

Tensions have simmered since Brown's death. Residents were upset about the way his body lay in the street for more than four hours while police investigated the shooting. Many insist Brown was trying to surrender, with his hands up. Residents also protested the military-style police response to the days of riots and protests that erupted immediately after Brown's shooting in the predominantly black St. Louis suburb where just three blacks serve on a 53-officer force.



**Protesters sit silent for over four minutes at the Ferguson Police Department Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014, during a rally in remembrance of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo. On Aug. 9, 2014, a white police officer fatally shot the unarmed Brown, in the St. Louis suburb.**

(AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast)

demonstrations in the predominantly black St. Louis suburb of Ferguson in August.

Early Sunday morning, several protesters made their way to the south St. Louis neighborhood where another black 18-year-old, Vonderrit D. Myers, was killed by a white police officer recently. Protesters occupied a Quicktrip gas station convenience store and staged a sit-in.

St. Louis Police Chief Sam Dotson posted on Twitter that protesters were "attempting to storm" the business. He later posted that protesters were "throwing rocks at the police."

St. Louis police spokeswoman Schron Jackson said Sunday in an email that 17 people were arrested on suspicion of unlawful assembly. There were no reports of injuries or property damage, the email said. On Monday, a "direct ac-

have not packed up our bags, we have not gone home. This is not a fly-by-night moment. This is not a made-for-TV revolution. This is real people standing up to a real problem and saying, 'We ain't taking it no more.'"

Two months after Brown's death sparked an initial wave of violent riots and led Missouri Gov.

The new arrivals included Vietnam-era peace activists, New York City seminarians, many college students and hundreds of fast-food workers bused in from Chicago, Nashville and other cities.

A crowd that organizers estimated at 3,000 marched peacefully through downtown St. Louis on Saturday to protest Brown's death and other fatal police shootings of black males in the St. Louis area and nationwide. No arrests were reported on Saturday.

ers without stopping to look, though a few cheered their efforts. Game 2 in the series is scheduled for Sunday night.

Dotson said the city also will bolster its police presence when the St. Louis Rams host the San Francisco 49ers for Monday night football.

The planned events be-

**WACKY**  
**wahoos**

**PALM BEACH #33-A     [WWW.WACKYWAHOOS.COM](http://WWW.WACKYWAHOOS.COM)**

**STEAK, SEAFOOD, B.B.Q. & FUN!**

Ex-Hadicurari BBQ & Grill with the same owner's.  
We do our own daily fishing so we serve the freshest  
seafood on the Island.

**Very reasonable price, exciting menu and  
NO SERVICE CHARGE**

**Dinner from 5:30 - 10:00**  
**Monday - Saturday**



**FRESH CATCH & SEAFOOD**  
*We are located close to the High-rise  
hotel's at walking distance.*

**RESERVATION SUGGESTED**

**TEL: 586-7333**



**AL MARTINO**

Oct. 7, 1927 - Oct. 13, 2009

THANK YOU FOR THE DECADES OF  
BEAUTIFUL MUSIC... AND THANK YOU  
FOR BEING OUR FRIEND.

♥♥♥♥♥ ♥♥♥♥♥ ♥♥♥♥♥ ♥♥♥♥♥ ♥♥♥♥♥

REST IN PEACE, DEAR FRIEND...  
YOU SHALL ALWAYS REMAIN HERE  
IN OUR HEARTS.

RON & MARIA



## 2014 Elections: Midterm races full of surprises!

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Just three weeks from Election Day, the 2014 campaign has become less predictable and full of surprises. When the run toward the 2014 election began, it seemed certain that Republicans would easily hold Senate seats in states that President Barack Obama lost badly in 2012. But no one could have predicted that Senate races in Kansas and South Dakota — where Republicans had

three-term senator in Kansas — one of the most conservative states. "Anyone who predicted that last year is either psychic or psychotic," said Matt Bennett, a veteran of Democratic campaigns. Even if Republican Sen. Pat Roberts survives the challenge from independent Greg Orman, Republicans also must lock down South Dakota, a once-unthinkable concern. Democrats are pouring \$1

teaches at the University of Southern California. For the third straight election, attacking Obama's health care law is the Republicans' go-to tactic. But strategists in both parties say the relentless criticism is losing punch as millions of people acquire insurance under the law. Many Republican candidates have broadened their denunciations to Obama's overall competency and tying their Democratic op-



Ohio Gov. John Kasich poses with Brandon Barr, 11, right, of Xenia, for a selfie after Barr won first place in an art contest at the Ohio State Fair in Columbus, Ohio. Kasich's re-election now seems so assured that fans talk of his making a second run for president.

(AP Photo/Jay LaPrete)

been heavily favored — would be in doubt so close to the Nov. 4 election. In the Senate, Republicans still seem on track to pick up the six seats they need to take control. They recruited good candidates and focused on several states Obama lost. Democratic retirements made West Virginia and South Dakota almost guaranteed pickups. Democrats facing re-election offered big targets in Arkansas, Louisiana, Alaska and North Carolina — all of which Republican Mitt Romney won in the 2012 presidential election. But with Senate control so tantalizingly close, Republicans find themselves investing time, staff and money into protecting a

million into TV ads attacking Republican Mike Rounds, a former governor. Driving the uncertainty is third-party candidate Larry Pressler, who spent 18 years in the Senate as a Republican. Republicans answered quickly with \$1 million worth of TV ad buys. If Republicans lose either of those states, and fall one seat short of controlling the Senate, it will rank among the most crushing failures in recent political history. Especially with a 2016 map that strongly favors Democrats in Senate contests. Other 2014 campaign surprises include: — The "incredible disappearing Obamacare debate," as described by Dan Schnur, a former top Republican aide who now

ponents to him generally. — The rise of fear — of terrorism and disease, especially — as an issue. Neither was a topic of discussion during the months of state primaries. But the rise of Islamic State militants, Obama's decision to order airstrikes against them, and the Ebola outbreak have roiled the final weeks of the campaign. Several Republican candidates are replacing their ads attacking the health care law with sometimes frightening warnings about the risks and threat of the Islamic militants and the virus. Obama, they argue, isn't doing enough, or isn't competent enough, to keep Americans safe.

## Louisianans having fun in joyless election year

**CHARLES BABINGTON**  
**Associated Press**

**PINEVILLE, Louisiana (AP)** — In what's turned out to be a largely joyless election year, one state has upheld its reputation as a rollicking and colorful battleground, even if that's not always intentional. Want to see a three-term senator squirt beer into a football fan's mouth as the fan does a "keg stand" — a handstand on a keg of beer? Come to Louisiana. How about a crusty character trying to return to Congress after a decades-long absence? Actually, Louisiana has two such candidates, but only one spent eight years in prison. Elsewhere in the U.S., campaigning has been marked by torrents of negative ads, numbingly familiar attacks on President Barack Obama's health care law and millions of dispirited voters — or perhaps nonvoters.

To be sure, there is serious campaigning and high stakes in Louisiana.

Republicans' efforts to oust Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu is crucial to their goal of netting six seats to control the Senate and thwart Obama's agenda for his remaining two years in office. Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal, whose parents were immigrants from India, isn't on the ballot, but he's positioning himself for a possible presidential run in 2016.

Still, Louisiana is the only state where the "Duck Dynasty" reality TV stars abandoned the "kissing congressman" and made ads for a relative — that would be Zach Dasher of Ouachita Parish — who got into the 5th Congressional District race.

Candor is often missing at political events, but it flowed at a recent Chamber of Commerce forum in Pineville. Eight men running for the 5th congressional seat filled the stage.

The Green Party's Eliot Barron explained his tardiness, saying, "I don't know my way around Pineville." Chamber members grimaced, but they seemed even more perplexed when he said he wants to "re-introduce big game into national parks."

Clyde Holloway asked voters to return him to the seat he held from 1987 to 1993. He has stayed busy since then, winning election to the state's Public Service Commission but losing bids for governor, lieutenant governor and Congress.

Holloway called for tougher immigration policies. "We ought to know every person who's crossing our border," he said, "whether they're Hispanic or whether they're Muslims or whatever."

"I'm not politically correct," he said, lest anyone miss his point.

The message from political neophyte Dasher, whose uncle is Phil Robertson, star of the popular Louisiana-based "Duck Dynasty" cable TV show, was largely in line with the others. He denounced "the federal takeover of our state rights and individual liberties."

In a radio ad, Robertson says his nephew "has been officially and thoroughly vetted by the Robertson clan for 36 years."

The Robertsons previously backed the lawmaker Dasher wants to oust, Republican Rep. Vance McAllister, who invited one of the bearded "Duck Dynasty" stars to be his guest in the U.S. Capitol for Obama's State of the Union speech last January.

McAllister initially said he wouldn't seek another term after a videotape showed him passionately kissing a friend's wife who was on his congressional staff.



**Best Breakfast on the strip!**

Starting at \$11.50  
Complete breakfast  
coffee or tea included!



**Happy Hour**  
11 to 12 pm

**Free WiFi**

**Daily Live Music on our terrace**

**Serving Breakfast Lunch & Dinner!**

**SALT & PEPPER**  
Aruba & Curaçao  
Tapasbar and Restaurant

Arawak Garden, Palm Beach  
Tel. (+297) 586 32 80  
www.saltandpepperaruba.com

ARUBA WINE TIDINE

## Global finance leaders pledge bold, ambitious efforts

MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
HARRY DUNPHY

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—World financial leaders on Saturday promised “bold and ambitious” action to boost a global recovery that has shown recent disturbing signs of weakness.

That pledge from the International Monetary Fund’s policy-setting committee comes after a week of stomach-churning swings in the financial markets triggered by growing fears that parts of Europe could be in danger of slipping into another recession.

The 188-nation IMF called increasing economic growth an “utmost priority” and pledged to make the necessary structural changes that would stimulate greater growth. However, finance leaders have made similar promises in the past, only to fall short when trying to follow through.

The commitments came in a closing statement from the IMF’s steering committee at the fall meeting of the IMF and World Bank.

Officials also endorsed the IMF’s efforts to support three West African countries hit hardest by the Ebola crisis.

Managing Director Christine Lagarde said at a news conference that the IMF has made \$130 million available to Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, and that the IMF and other international agencies stood ready to do more.

“If more is needed, it will be there,” Lagarde said.

In addition to the \$130 million in interest-free loans being provided by the IMF, the World Bank is providing \$400 million for the Ebola efforts.

In its closing statement, the World Bank policy com-

mittee said that “swift and coordinated action and financial support are critical to contain” the Ebola crisis. World Bank President Jim Yong Kim said that a Thursday meeting sponsored by the bank to highlight the funding needs was useful, but he stressed that the situation remained critical. “We call on all countries that are watching. If you have any sense that you want to help with this epidemic, do it now,” Kim told reporters at a closing news conference.

International relief agencies stressed that time was critical.

“The speed and amount of governments’ pledges will make the difference between Ebola containment or pandemic,” said Nicolas Mombrial, an official with Oxfam.

The IMF and World Bank meetings were preceded by talks among finance ministers and central bank presidents of the Group of 20 nations, which comprise 85 percent of the global economy. Those discussions focused on the recent growth slowdown and troubling signs that some countries in Europe could be close to another recession. In a comment clearly aimed at Germany, U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew told finance ministers that European countries with “external surpluses and fiscal flexibility” needed to do more to address weakness in demand that was holding back growth.

Germany, Europe’s largest economy, ran a large trade surplus last year.

Lew also called on China, now the world’s second-largest economy, and Japan, No. 3, to make the necessary policy adjustments to increase their own growth.



International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Christine Lagarde, accompanied by IMFC Chair and Singapore’s Finance Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam, left, speaks during a news conference at the World Bank Group-International Monetary Fund Annual Meetings at IMF headquarters in Washington, Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014.

(AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)







**Extraordinary Silver Jewelry**

Palm Beach Plaza Mall / Renaissance Marketplace

ragejewelry@gmail.com

ragesilver.com

tel: 297 5886226





## Jeep Tour Safari

Drive your own Jeep Wrangler or Kia Sportage, or (be a passenger) through the Country side, explore Aruba's secret beaches that you would never on your own, we'll present Aruba's total topside history by jeep with the island's best guides pointing out the way and stopping at the most iconic sites the island has to offer, such as Indian Caves, National Park, Baby Beach & more...optional join us for a nice Sailing & Snorkeling cruise after your Jeep Tour.

Visit us at Casa del Mar, Playa Linda, Holiday Inn Concierge/lobby desk/ beach huts or at our own Pelican Pier, located between the Holiday Inn & Playa Linda Resort.

For reservations call 587-2302 (Mon-Sun) Or book online at: [www.pelican-aruba.com](http://www.pelican-aruba.com)



PRESENT THIS AD AND RECEIVE  
\$10 DISCOUNT PER COUPLE

# American Giving: Homeless Outreach in Volumes

KIRK JOHNSON

© 2014 New York Times

PORTLAND, Ore. - A homeless man named Daniel

was engrossed in a Barbara Kingsolver novel when his backpack was stolen recently, and Laura Moulton was determined to set things to right.

Moulton, 44, an artist, writer and adjunct professor of creative nonfiction, did not know Daniel's last name, his exact age or really even how to find him - they had met only once. But she knew the novel, "Prodigal Summer," and that was a start. So, armed with a new copy of the book, off she went.

Such is the life of a street librarian.

This city has a deeply dyed liberal impulse beating in its veins around social and environmental causes, and a literary culture that has flourished like the blackberry thickets that mark misty Northwest woods. It is also one of the most bike-friendly, if not bike-crazed, urban spaces in the nation, as measured by commuters and bike lanes. All three of those forces are combined in Street Books, a nonprofit book service delivered by pedal-power for "people living outside," as Moulton, the founder, describes the mission.

"Is Daniel around?" she asked a patron, Laura King, having just trundled up on the Street Books three-wheeler on a recent after-

noon near the Willamette River northeast of downtown.

King, 41, a reader of inspirational biographies and essays, had stepped over from an area of tarps and tents and was peering into

Moulton's reply, extending her hand with the book she had bought that morning, was pure librarian: "You ought to read it in the meantime," she said.

A concrete reality anchors Street Books to the real

little more than half of King County's population and a quarter of New York's.

A second reality is that like so many other institutions in the digital age, libraries are redefining themselves, scrambling to stay relevant

their reading passions with library patrons by email or video chat.

Enthusiastic financial support also helps. Local voters, three elections in a row, have bolstered public library funding here in Portland. For her project, Moulton sought \$4,000 from Kickstarter backers in 2011 and raised \$5,345. She also got a \$1,000 grant this summer from the Awesome Foundation, a group that disperses funds "for the arts and sciences and the advancement of awesomeness in the universe."

"It's the beautiful messiness of human interaction," said Alison Kastner, a reader services librarian at the Multnomah library, describing the core idea of My Librarian and the distinction between it and the coolly logical computer algorithms that comb a shopper's tastes at sites like Amazon. The Street Books project is nothing if not messy. The librarians - the three salaried employees, including Moulton, are paid \$60 a week for a three-hour shift - fill their carts based on their tastes and their patrons' tastes.

Diana Rempe, 48, a community psychologist who recently completed her Ph.D. and pedals the bike one afternoon a week, stops at a day-labor assembly site on the city's east side, where many Mexican and Latin American men gather, waiting to be hired.



Laura Moulton, founder of the Street Books mobile library program that lends to the homeless, speaks with Matt Tufaro in Portland, Ore. Street librarians who pedal for the non-profit program see it as more than just another "Portland novelty act," but rather a message that poor and marginalized people are not so different from everyone else here.

(Thomas Patterson/The New York Times)

the big wooden book cabinet mounted on the trike's front end. She shook her head.

"I have a book for him, which I'd be happy to leave with you," Moulton said.

King shrugged and said, "If something happens, and I don't see him before I see you, I'll give it back."

word: Portlanders are readers. The Multnomah County Library has the third-highest circulation among public libraries in the nation, after New York's and King County's in Seattle, according to the American Library Association's public library division. The ranking is all the more impressive for Multnomah's size, having only a

and find the toehold that keeps them linked to a city's life.

Multnomah's library, for example, helped by a grant from the foundation created by Microsoft co-founder Paul G. Allen, started a project this spring called My Librarian, which enlists library staff members as online book-list mavens who share

**CARIBBEAN & MAINE LOBSTER**

SALAD

LOBSTER BISQUE

THERMIDOR TAIL

SURF & TURF

BROILED LOBSTER

& MORE

**MONDAY LOBSTER NIGHT**

- FRENCH -

**STEAKHOUSE**

**lke's bistro**  
MEDITERRANEAN & CARIBBEAN

Located at:



**Manchebo**  
Beach Resort & Spa

Call and reserve your table now +297 582 34 44



## red sail sports JETLEV

Get ready for the thrill of a lifetime! You can literally fly over the ocean, soar up to 30 feet in the air or hover and walk along the water...

Offered daily, must be 18 years of age to fly

# NEW



Unique



Fun



Safe

Book now! [www.redsailaruba.com](http://www.redsailaruba.com) or by phone: (+297) 586-1603

# US says Turkey OKs use of bases against militants

**LOLITA C. BALDOR  
BRADLEY KLAPPER**

**Associated Press**

**AREQUIPA, Peru (AP)** — Turkey will let U.S. and coalition forces use its bases, including a key installation within

erate forces on Turkish soil. A Turkish government official said Sunday that Turkey put the number at 4,000 opposition fighters and said they would be screened by Turkish intelligence.

not define the international counterterrorism strategy. Islamic State militants have taken parts of Kobani, Kerry indicated, but not all of it. The United Nations has warned of mass casualties

since late last month, with heavily armed Islamic State fighters determined to deal a symbolic blow to the coalition air campaign.

U.S. Central Command said warplanes from the United States, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates launched airstrikes on four locations in Syria on Saturday and Sunday, including three in Kobani that destroyed an Islamic State fighting position and

staging area.

Beyond the training and bases, there are other issues the U.S. hopes Turkey will agree to. U.S. officials have not said what all of those would be because discussions are continuing. Earlier Sunday, President Barack Obama's national security adviser, Susan Rice, made clear the U.S. has not asked "the Turks to send ground forces of their own into Syria." □



Turkish soldiers hold their positions with their tanks on a hilltop on the outskirts of Suruc, at the Turkey-Syria border, overlooking Kobani, Syria, during fighting between Syrian Kurds and the militants of Islamic State group, Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014. Kobani, also known as Ayn Arab, and its surrounding areas, has been under assault by extremists of the Islamic State group since mid-September and is being defended by Kurdish fighters.

(AP Photo/Leferis Pitarakis)

100 miles of the Syrian border, for operations against Islamic State militants in Syria and Iraq, American defense officials said Sunday. But progress in negotiations with Turkey — including Ankara's agreement to train several thousand Syrian moderate rebels — may not be enough to stop the massacre of civilians in Syria's border town of Kobani, where intense fighting continues.

The Obama administration had been pressing Ankara to play a larger role against the extremists, who have taken control of large swaths of Syria and Iraq, including territory on Turkey's border, and sent refugees fleeing into Turkey. U.S. officials confirmed Saturday that Ankara had agreed to train Syrian mod-

Also Sunday, officials confirmed that Turkey agreed to let U.S. and coalition fighter aircraft launch operations against Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria from Turkish bases, including Incirlik Air Base in the south. U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, who has been traveling in South America, has said the U.S. wanted access to the Turkish bases.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss private talks between the Americans and Turks.

As fighting continued in the Kurdish town of Kobani, Secretary of State John Kerry acknowledged the tenuous situation. Speaking in Cairo, Kerry said the defense of Kobani does

if the border town falls.

"There will be ups and there will be downs over the next days as there are in any kind of conflict," Kerry said at the conclusion of an international aid conference for the Gaza Strip.

Elaborating on a theme the Obama administration has zeroed in on in recent days, Kerry said the U.S. has been realistic about how quickly it will prevail against the Islamic State militants. Officials have spoken of years of counterterrorism efforts ahead. U.S. and coalition aircraft have been bombarding the territory in and around Kobani for days, launching airstrikes on dozens of locations and taking out militants, weapons and other targets.

The enclave has been the scene of heavy fighting

## Enjoy our much celebrated 3-Course Dinner Special!

### Appetizer

- Fish Soup
- Onion Soup
- Conch Fritters
- Escargot
- Salad

### Entrée

- Fresh Catch of the Day prepared by our local chef just the way you like it.
- Jumbo Shrimp from our local waters, breaded served with potato or rice or with garlic tossed over linguine.
- Filet Mignon\* 8 oz. US Tenderloin
- Grilled Boneless Chicken Breast

### Dessert

- Chocolate or Banana Cake
- Ice Cream
- Coffee / Tea

3-course dinner  
**\$25.95**  
per person

This special cannot be used with any other promotions, vouchers or certificates.



Restaurant  
*Driftwood*  
Authentic Aruban Seafood

25th ANNIVERSARY

Open daily from 5:00pm - 10:30pm (closed on Sundays)  
For reservations call: 583-2515 - Klipstraat 12, Downtown.  
[www.driftwoodaruba.com](http://www.driftwoodaruba.com) • [driftwood@setarnet.aw](mailto:driftwood@setarnet.aw)



# JOLLY PIRATES

\$10  
off

**SAIL, SNORKEL, SWIM & SWING**  
**DAILY 9am - 1pm \$60 pp**  
 Visit 3 Great sites with BBQ,  
 Open Bar, Gear & Ropeswing!

**AFTERNOON CRUISE**  
**DAILY 2pm - 5pm \$45 pp**  
 Our shorter snorkel cruise, with  
 Open Bar, Gear & Ropeswing!

**DAILY SUNSET SAIL**  
**DAILY 5:30pm - 7:30pm \$32 pp**  
 Enjoy spectacular sunset. Open  
 Bar & Ropeswing included

**Tickets available at Jolly Pirates Shop at MooMba Beach. Boarding at MooMba Beach- by the high rise hotels between Holiday Inn and Marriott Resorts. Offer not valid in combination with other discount offers. Valid for direct telephone reservations ONLY - Present coupon at boarding**

**Save \$10 per couple/per coupon for morning cruise Save \$5 per couple/per coupon for afternoon cruise**

586 8107/592 7858

## Hong Kong protesters appeal to Xi in open letter

**MICHAEL FORSYTHE  
ALAN WONG**

© 2014 New York Times

**HONG KONG** - The stand-off between Hong Kong's government and protesters entered its third week Sunday with no signs of a resolution, as student leaders appealed to President Xi Jinping of China to accept their position, which was then flatly rejected by Hong Kong's leader.

Huge swaths of some of the world's most expensive real estate remained blocked by hundreds of democracy demonstrators Sunday. In the past weeks, their numbers have swollen into the thousands each evening, as they did again Sunday night.

The two largest student groups that have spearheaded the sit-in protests appealed to Xi in an open letter to rescind an Aug. 31 decision by China's



Police officers, center, try to separate anti-occupy protesters, wearing blue ribbons on their clothes, left, and pro-democracy protesters, in the occupied areas at Hong Kong's Mongkok district, Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014. Students leading pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong issued an open letter Saturday to Chinese President Xi Jinping, urging him to consider political reforms in the city and blaming the city's unpopular leader for the demonstrations.

(AP Photo/Kin Cheung)

Communist Party-controlled legislature, which set guidelines for an election plan that democracy advocates say ensures that only pro-Beijing candidates will appear on the ballot to choose the highest official in the territory, the chief executive.

The students want nominees to be chosen by voters, much as signature drives in the United States can win candidates a spot on the ballot.

In the letter, dated Saturday, the students say Hong Kong's chief executive, Leung Chun-ying,

"manipulated" a report to the Chinese legislature on which it based its decision, omitting the viewpoints of hundreds of thousands of democracy advocates.

In a television interview Sunday, Leung rejected their demands, saying that the possibility of a reversal of the Chinese legislature's decision "is almost nil" and criticizing the student movement, calling it "out of control."

The protesters want Leung to resign, a demand made more biting by a report last week in an Australian paper that said Leung had failed to disclose \$6.4 million in payments from an Australian engineering company disbursed while he was in office. Leung has said he did not need to disclose the payments.

In the interview Sunday, he said he would not resign. But while Leung might be able to hold on to his position, the protesters camping outside his office might prove more tenacious than he thought. □

## Putin orders troops away from Ukraine border

**LAURA MILLS  
Associated Press**

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Russian President Vladimir Putin has ordered thousands of Russian troops near the Ukrainian border to return to their usual bases, according to his spokesman.

Dmitry Peskov told Russian news outlets late Saturday in Sochi that Putin had ordered approximately 17,600 troops to return home from Rostov, a southern region that borders east Ukraine, where pro-Russian insurgents have been battling government troops since April.

The Kremlin has said that troops stationed in Rostov

were participating in drills, but Ukraine and the West have repeatedly accused Russia of fueling the insurgency with arms, expertise, and fighters, and have slapped Moscow with sanctions in response to its moves in the region.

Previous Russian claims of troop withdrawals have been countered by NATO. In March, Russia announced a troop withdrawal of only one battalion — a unit of about 500 — while NATO insisted that tens of thousands remained near the border. In the spring, the U.S. and NATO said that Russia had deployed about 40,000

troops near the border, though Putin ordered the troops back to their home bases in late May.

While the U.S. and NATO did confirm those moves, in August they said Russia was again bolstering its forces in the region and that Russia had allowed troops and vehicles to cross the border to assist the separatists.

The withdrawal may be a sign of good will ahead of Putin's trip to Milan on Thursday, where he is set to meet with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and European Union leaders.

As EU and U.S. sanctions against Russia begin to

bite and economic growth falters, Moscow may also hope that a troop withdrawal will bolster the chance that Western nations will revoke those measures. Late last month, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said that the EU was still not considering removing the sanctions because of ongoing fighting in east Ukraine.

In Donetsk, the city center was quiet but explosions still rang out in the direction of the airport, where fighting between government troops and pro-Russian forces has waged despite a cease-fire declared Sept. 5. □



## Brazilian opposition candidate endorses Neves

A. GOMEZ LICON

Associated Press

**SAO PAULO (AP)** — Marina Silva, a popular environmentalist who finished third in the first-round of Brazil's presidential election, gave her endorsement Sunday to the opposition candidate challenging President Dilma Rousseff in the Oct. 26 runoff.

The endorsement from Silva comes as Rousseff appeared to be in a tight race with Aécio Neves, a business-minded former governor who has promised to open Brazil's economy and boost its growth. The two candidates are in a statistical tie according to surveys by the polling firms Datafolha and IBOPE. Some 51 percent of voters surveyed in the last week supported Neves, compared to 49 percent for Rousseff. Both polls had a margin of error of 2 percentage points.

In the weeks before the first-round vote on Oct. 5, Silva had for a time led Rousseff in voter surveys, and many were surprised to see her finish behind Neves. After the election, his campaign said an endorsement by Silva would be key to their attempt to upset Rousseff's bid for a second term.



**Marina Silva, presidential candidate of the Brazilian Socialist Party, PSB, who finished third in the first-round of Brazil's presidential election, looks on during a news conference in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014. Silva gave her endorsement Sunday to the leading opposition candidate Aécio Neves in the runoff with President Dilma Rousseff set for Oct. 26.**

(AP Photo/Andre Penner)

Silva waited a week to announce her support of Neves.

"I will vote for Aécio and support him," she said Sunday. "I trust in the sincerity of the proposals of the candidate and his party, and I give to the Brazilian society the task to see that they are fulfilled."

Polls conducted before the first-round vote suggested as many as 60 percent to

70 percent of Silva's supporters would choose to back Neves if he became the candidate to challenge Rousseff in the runoff. Neves defied expectations by finishing second in the first round, winning 34 percent of the vote to Rousseff's 42 percent.

Silva, who finished with 21 percent of votes, had been a strong contender after she was thrust into the

Socialist Party's nomination following the death of its initial presidential candidate a plane crash in August. But her support waned after Rousseff launched an aggressive campaign to discredit her skills.

Neves, of the center-right Social Democracy Party, has said the fact that opposition candidates as a whole outpolled Rousseff in the first round indicates that Brazilians are eager for change after 12 years of rule by the president's Workers' Party.

He said he learned of Silva's endorsement during a phone call with the former environment minister late Saturday.

"From now on, we are one body, one project in favor of Brazil and the Brazilians," he told reporters Sunday. "Today is a glorious day in our journey to the country's presidency."

Whether Silva's supporters will give Neves the backing he needs to topple Rousseff, however, is not certain.

"I don't think that an endorsement of Marina or of her party guarantees that her voters will follow," said Francisco Fonseca, political analyst with Getulio Vargas Foundation. □

## Bolivia's Morales expected to coast to third term

CARLOS VALDEZ

Associated Press

**EL ALTO, Bolivia (AP)** — Evo Morales appeared headed to an unprecedented third term in elections Sunday on the strength of the economic and political stability the coca growers' union leader has brought to Bolivia.

While known internationally for his anti-imperialist and socialist rhetoric, Morales is widely popular at home for a pragmatic economic stewardship that spread Bolivia's natural gas and mineral wealth among the masses.

"I voted for Evo Morales because he doesn't forget the elderly," said Maria Virginia Velasquez, a 70-year-old widow. Universal old-age pensions — Velasquez gets \$36 a month — are

among the benefits instituted by Morales that have boosted his popularity.

A boom in commodities prices increased export revenues nine-fold, the country has accumulated \$15.5 billion in international reserves and economic growth has averaged 5 percent annually, well above the regional average. A half a million people have put poverty behind them since Bolivia's first indigenous president first took office in 2006. Public works projects abound, including a satellite designed to deliver Internet to rural schools, a fertilizer plant and La Paz's gleaming new cable car system. His newest promise: to light up La Paz with nuclear power. Morales was favored in pre-election polls to de-

feat by some 40 points the closest of four challengers, cement magnate Samuel Doria Medina, and win all nine Bolivian states.

He sought Sunday to improve on his previous best showing — 64 percent in 2009 — and maintain a two-thirds control of Bolivia's Senate and assembly. That would let him change the constitution, which restricts presidents to two

5-year terms, so he can run again.

Morales, a 55-year-old native Aymara from Bolivia's poor, wind-swept plateau, has not said whether he would seek a fourth term, only that he would "respect the constitution." He did say in a TV interview last week, however, that he didn't believe people over the age of 60 should be president. □

Tel: 582-0697 / 583-7484

Schotland str. 70

Email: quality@setarnet.aw

Website: www.arubaqualityapartments.com

**Extend your Stay at**  
Quality Apartments

\*Studio & Loft Apts.

\*Kitchen / Airco / Cable TV

Less than 1 mile from Eagle Beach & 4 large supermarkets.

Feel free to contact or visit us.

Mon - Fri: 8am-7pm. Sat & Sun: 9am-5pm.



## ARUBA OSTRICH FARM



- Get up close and personal with the largest bird in the world.
- Family fun, interactive and educational.
- Open from 9'am - 4'pm

**20% OFF**  
**TOUR PRICE**

No reservations  
needed for  
**SMALL GROUPS**

**Tel: 585-9630**





**THE Sopranos**  
PIANO BAR

**LIVE PIANO ENTERTAINMENT**  
at 8pm

**BADA BING!**

Open daily at 5pm

**DAILY HAPPY HOURS**

5 to 8pm +  
1 to 2am

On ALL drinks!

**Tuesdays**  
COCKTAIL  
WORKSHOP

between  
5 and 8pm

mix, shake  
& drink  
your own made cocktails

**\$25**

**Wednesdays**  
*Champagne  
Night*

Champagne  
by the glass \$4

*Ladies Only!!*

**Saturdays**  
at 8pm

**Acoustic  
Night**

Sing-A-Long Piano Bar



Located at Arawak Garden, Palm Beach - tel: (+297) 586 8622 - [www.sopranospianobar.com](http://www.sopranospianobar.com)

## A Quiet Shift:

# Venezuela gives foreign partners more control in oil ventures

**WILLIAM NEUMAN**

© 2014 New York Times

**MENE GRANDE, Venezuela** - On a hill overlooking this heat-baked town, a small oil well painted in the national colors of yellow, blue and red gives off a constant whir as it bobs up and down.

Crude oil continues to flow through pipes here just as it did 100 years ago, when this became the country's first successful oil well, setting Venezuela on the path from a sleepy backwater of coffee farmers and cattlemen to one of the world's most petroleum-rich countries.

But today, just a short distance from this landmark oil well, known as Zumaque 1, the streets are unpaved and people live in shacks made from corrugated metal sheets. Even after a century of pumping, the oil is still so close to the surface that it seeps from the ground on its own, a sticky black reminder of wealth amid poverty.

"Look at the riches of Venezuela," said Ramón Materán, 64, a laborer, gesturing toward the oozing crude oil that seeped from the ground in his neighborhood, called Baralt 1. Then, looking around the neighborhood, with its potholes and shacks with no sewer connections, he said, "For all of Venezuela's riches, things are pretty neglected here."

Today, the Venezuelan economy is struggling and so is its government-run oil monopoly, Petróleos de Venezuela, or PDVSA. The company is mired in a cash-flow crisis and has had to tap the Central Bank for millions of dollars in loans.

It has considered selling its U.S. gas station subsidiary, Citgo, and is contemplating raising domestic gaso-

president, Hugo Chávez, who turned the state oil company into a banner of his populist policies.

professor of energy policy at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, referring to the followers of

tighter controls over how the loan would be spent and allowed for greater flexibility in running the joint project, they said.

Several other oil companies have renegotiated their agreements with PDVSA along similar lines, several people familiar with the deals said. And while the oil companies remain minority partners with PDVSA, under terms dictated by Chávez, the new agreements give the companies a greater say in running Venezuela's oil fields than they have had in years, according to people in the industry. That includes allowing for greater leeway in buying supplies and hiring subcontractors, without going through PDVSA-controlled subsidiaries, a frequent source of delays and corruption.

If oil is the lifeblood of modern Venezuela, then Mene Grande, with a population of about 21,000, is the place where the heart started pumping.

There were earlier attempts to drill for oil in Venezuela, but in 1914, Zumaque 1 (said to be named for the sumac trees that grew nearby) became the first successful well.

Drilled by a company that was quickly bought by Royal Dutch Shell, it was also the start of the long reign of foreign oil companies in Venezuela.

"A new era in the country starts here," said Manuel Pérez Gil, the official historian of the municipality that includes Mene Grande. "With Zumaque there is a before and an after, from a country that produced cocoa and coffee, we became an oil-producing country." □



**A girl walks down the narrow pier that connects the shacks built upon Lake Maracaibo, forming the village of Ceuta, Venezuela. Despite being so close to wells that have enriched many Venezuelans and foreign oil operators for centuries, residents of Ceuta live in impoverished conditions. (Meridith Kohut/The New York Times)**

line prices, which are the cheapest in the world.

But in a quiet change that might surprise many Venezuelans, who have grown accustomed to seeing PDVSA as a symbol of national sovereignty, the company has been discreetly moving to give more control to foreign oil companies that participate with it in joint ventures, according to five people familiar with recent agreements it negotiated. Those changes have been done without fanfare, raising the question of whether President Nicolás Maduro, in office less than a year and a half, worries that supporters would see them as a betrayal of the expropriation of foreign oil interests by the country's former

In the hopes of jump-starting stagnant production through increased investment, the company has signed or is negotiating financing agreements with numerous foreign oil companies operating here. These agreements give the companies greater say over how drilling operations are run and how they buy supplies and equipment, as well as greater control over spending and profits, according to those familiar with them, some of whom asked not to be identified to preserve relations with PDVSA.

"If the previous PDVSA had signed something like that, Chavistas would have accused them of treason," said Francisco J. Monaldi, a

Chávez, who died last year. One of the first agreements was signed with the U.S. company Chevron in May 2013. The deal included a \$2 billion loan by Chevron to PDVSA to cover the state oil company's portion of investment in an oil field across Lake Maracaibo from Mene Grande. But it also included provisions sought by Chevron to guarantee that the new loan, as well as millions of dollars in unpaid dividends from past operations, would be paid promptly from oil revenues, according to an oil industry consultant in Venezuela briefed on the agreement and Monaldi, who was shown a summary of the contract. The deal also provided for





## Loyal Visitors Honored by the Aruba Tourism Authority!



**EAGLE BEACH** - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba at the Costa Linda Beach Resort as Distinguished Visitors and Ambassadors of Goodwill. The symbolic honorary titles are presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as tokens of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10-to-19 and 20-or-more consecutive years. The honorees were Juan Manuel and Elsa Martinez of Bogota, Colombia, Victor and Michele Lo Biondi of Princeton, New Jersey, William and Diane Schaffer of New York, and Paul and Rita Danieluk of



Groswald, Connecticut. All the honorees are loyal members of the Costa Linda and they love Aruba very much because of

the friendly people, the weather, the beaches, the restaurants, and because Aruba feels like a second home where the people are

like a family to them. The certificates were presented by Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Miriam

Rodriguez and other staff members from the Costa Linda Beach Resort, and of course friends of the honorees.





*Yes* WE'RE  
**OPEN**

桃花閣

**BLOSSOMS**

Japanese and Chinese Restaurant

**Lunch & Dinner**

Located in the lower lobby of the hotel.  
Please use side entrance in parking lot.

J.E. Irausquin Boulevard. 77, (ex-Westin Hotel) Tel: 586-3388.

**At Bugaloe:**

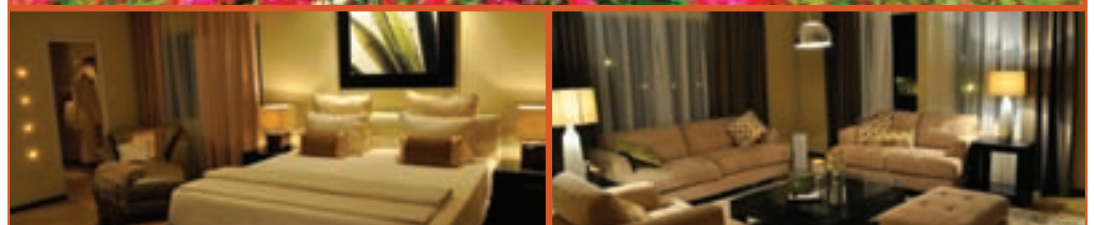
## Aruban Fresh Fish Right Off The Coast!



**PALM BEACH** - Fresher than Fresh, is what you are served in the popular Bugaloe Beach Bar & Grill, located at De Palm Pier, between the RIU Palace Hotel and The Raddison Hotel. Mondays will no longer be just another Monday. No! It's Crazy Fish Monday at Bugaloe! Beautiful colorful platter of exquisite fish, yellow rice and rich vegetables is what you will be served from Chef Hernandez' kitchen every Monday. Whether choosing Fried Fish Basket for only \$15 or a delicious Red Snapper for \$20, you wish it was Monday every day! Bugaloe is

known for fun and craziness, so it was only logical Chef Marc Hernandez likes to go wild when it comes to his cooking. Caught in the morning, served at night is the true Bugaloe way, maybe this explains its popularity from the start. Crazy Fish Monday is served from 5.30 p.m. till 10 p.m. Bugaloe Beach Bar & Grill is open daily from 9 a.m. till midnight. Start your day of right with a delicious cappuccino, or walk in to enjoy a casual lunch in between sunbathing. A few nights a week Bugaloe is host to some of the best live bands of Aruba, while you are sa-

voring dinner and enjoying the beautiful Aruba Sunset! Don't forget to make one hour in the day even happier at Bugaloe's daily Happy Hour from 5 till 6 p.m. Reservations are not necessary, just follow your hips to the music and the fun and smiles saluting you! ☐

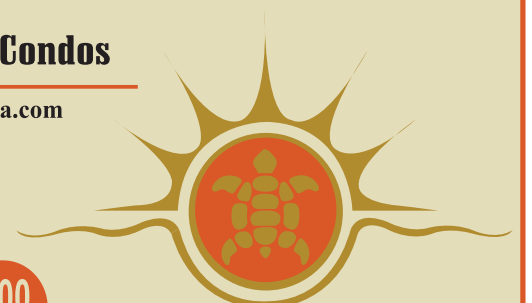


### Luxury Villas, Town Homes & Condos

Contact us by email at [info@goldcoastaruba.com](mailto:info@goldcoastaruba.com)  
Tel: +297-586-2200 • Fax: +297-586-2201  
Toll Free from the U.S. 1-866-978-5770  
[www.goldcoastaruba.com](http://www.goldcoastaruba.com)

**PRICE STARTING FROM \$299,000**

Visit us for Your Island Dream Home Ownership  
Monthly Mortgage Payments  
starting from \$1,650



*Gold Coast*  
Malmok • Aruba



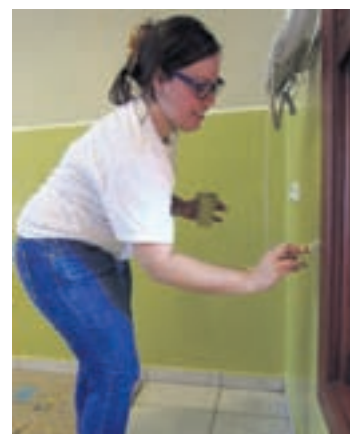
## Kiwanis Circle K Club Shows Elderly Care and Affection!

**ORANJESTAD** - On the 11th of October, 2014, the Kiwanis Circle K Club of the University of Aruba held its 'Day with the Elderly' at Huize Mari Stella Savaneta from 9am until 1pm in the afternoon. Circle K's members spent a wonderful day with the elderly. The club's

goal is to serve the community of Aruba and therefore the elderly will always be remembered. As the main activity of the day, a fun bingo was organized and at the end of the bingo, well appreciated prizes were given. 'Nos Ambiente' delighted all present with their

beautiful 'caha di orgel' music, all danced and enjoyed. Essentially, the stars of the day, namely the elderly, enjoyed the visit and all attention and care provided.

Circle K was honored with the presence of Governor Mr. Viau, Vice- Governor



Kiwanians, they decided to help out with the painting of one of the rooms at Mari Stella together with the club members.

Circle K is grateful to Botica Santa Cruz and Botica Paradera for the beautiful baskets and Mr. Sprock of 'Nos Ambiente' for the special touch.

A message to the Aruban community. The willingness to give care and affection should come from the heart, it's the responsibility of all of us to make others feel appreciated. □

# Weekly Calendar

## SEAPORT Casino

### MONTH OF OCTOBER

---

**MONDAY BINGO NIGHT**  
Starts at 9:30pm. Issuing Bingo Card from 9:00pm.  
With 25 points on your member's card you receive a free bingo card

---

**TUESDAY CASH MANIA**  
From 8:00pm - 11:00pm  
**Prize 1 = \$50 Prize 2 = \$50 Prize 3 = \$150 Prize 4 = \$200**

---

**WEDNESDAY BINGO NIGHT**  
Starts at 9:30pm. Issuing Bingo Card from 9:00pm  
With 25 points on your member's card you receive a free bingo card

---

**THURSDAY FREE SLOT TOURNAMENT**  
**Prize 1 = \$50 Prize 2 = \$50 Prize 3 = \$150 Prize 4 = \$250**  
Inscription at 6:00pm - Tournament starts at 8:00pm  
Accumulate 25 points during the week and you are eligible to participate at the tournament

---

**FRIDAY CRAZY CASH**  
**Prize 1 = \$100 Prize 2 = \$200 Prize 3 = \$300**  
9:30pm, 10:30pm and 11:00pm

---

**SATURDAY TABLE MANIA**  
**Prize 1 = \$100 Prize 2 = \$200 Prize 3 = \$300**

---

**SUNDAY DOUBLE THE FUN POINTS**  
From 3:30pm - 7:00pm

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY DAILY POWER BALL BINGO**  
1:00pm - 3:30pm. Price per Bingo Card \$7. Progressive \$1.15 (AWG. 2,00)

**SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS SUPER POWER BALL BINGO**  
1:00pm - 3:30pm. Price per Bingo Card \$8.50. Progressive \$1.15 (AWG. 2,00)

Promotions valid for members only

For more information, please call 583-6000 ext. 6318 or ext. 6437  
Management reserves the right to cancel or change this campaign.



# RENT ONE OF THESE TO *Explore Aruba* & discover hidden secrets!

**\$5 P.P.** off with this coupon. (valid with direct booking only)

## vela

**Watersports Center**

Located between The Marriott and The Ritz Carlton

**Windsurfing-Kitesurfing-Paddleboard-SUP Yoga-Kayak**

**BOOK NOW: (+297) 586-3735**

**Budget** Rent a Car of Aruba

**Camacuri #10**  
**Tel: (297) 582-8600**  
**Fax: (297) 582-7212**  
**www.budgetaruba.com**  
**budgetaruba@setanet.aw**



***This space can be yours***

**CALL for more information about our Special Price**  
**Tel: 582-7800**

*We will personally make your ad just the way you like it ...*



**\$5 P.P.** off with this coupon. (valid with direct booking only)

- Windsurfing lessons & rentals
- Kitesurfing lessons & rentals
- Mountain bike tours & rentals
- Landsailing
- SUP

**Aruba-Active-Vacations.com**  
**Tel: (+297) 586 0989**

**Located 1/4 mile past the Ritz Carlton Hotel**  
 (Blue trailers, colored flags)



**For reservation in this page call 582-7800**  
**PRICE ARE BASE ON A 6 MONTH OR A YEAR CONTRACT.**

## Jean Merisieri Honored For Fifteen Years of Service!

**NOORD** - An informal anniversary celebration at Caribbean Palm Village Resort acknowledged Jean Merisieri's long and successful involvement with the charming resort in the Noord neighborhood.

His first eight years were spent at the security department, he informs, watching over the safety of guests and property. When he later welcomed a change of pace, management offered him a position in the maintenance department as the resort's painter, entrusting him with the resort's ongoing effort to refresh and maintain its tropical look and feel. Jean reports enjoying this alternative career a painter, and is says he is prepared to give the resort another fifteen years of ser-



vice, at the very least. Born in Croix des Bouquets, Haiti, Jean is blessed with that island's famed artistic streak and a great sense of color, and does his best to keep up with new techniques and styles. In his spare time he is the volunteer pastor of a church community in San Nicholas, a loving husband for the past 16 years, to Marie-Therese and a dedi-



cated father of two adult children, a daughter and a son. Interim General Manager Astrid Muller thanked Jean

for his many contributions and congratulated him on his anniversary, praising his professional achievements, having been nominated

for employee of the quarter and having received many extra mile awards for his high level of cooperation.





## Nets top Kings 97-95 in China



Sacramento Kings' Rudy Gay shoots during a NBA exhibition game in Shanghai, China Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014. The Nets defeated the Kings 97-95.

(AP Photo)

**JUSTIN BERGMAN**  
**Associated Press**

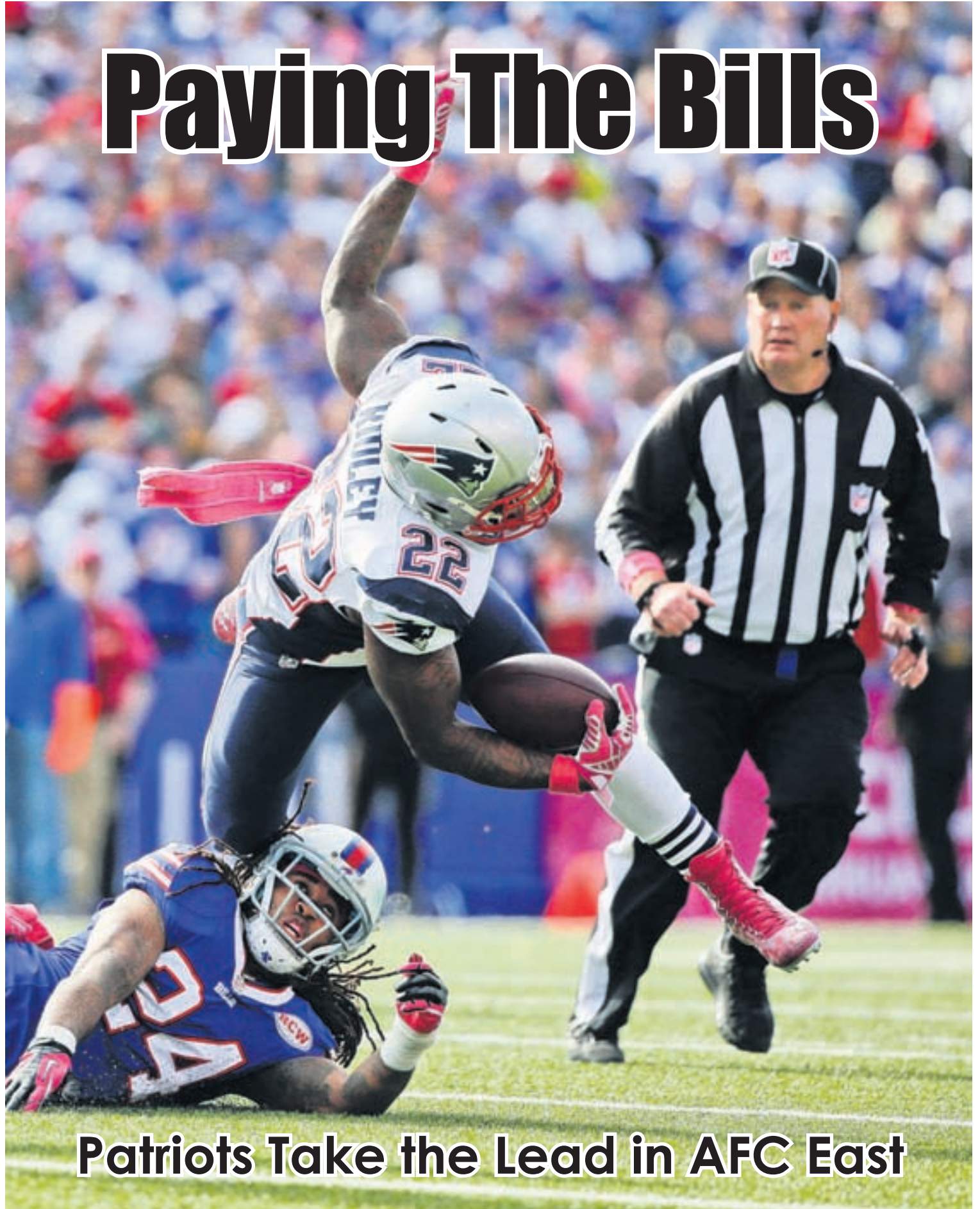
**SHANGHAI (AP)** — Mirza Teletovic sank a 3-pointer with less than a minute remaining to lift the Brooklyn Nets to a 97-95 preseason win over the Sacramento Kings on Sunday in the first of two NBA exhibition games to be played in China this year.

The Kings had a chance to tie the score with 20 seconds remaining, but Sergey Karasev blocked a jumper by Ben McLemore beneath the rim as time expired.

Brook Lopez led the Nets with 18 points and six rebounds and Deron Williams added 12 points and six assists. Teletovic and Jarrett Jack had 10 points apiece. Lopez is still working to get back to his best after undergoing foot surgery and spending most of last season on the sidelines.

"I think Brook is getting himself in shape," said assistant coach Paul Westphal, who replaced head coach Lionel Hollins for the game after Hollins became ill.

"He's far ahead of where we were afraid of where he was going to be." □



## Paying The Bills

## Patriots Take the Lead in AFC East

New England Patriots running back Stevan Ridley (22) falls over Buffalo Bills' Stephon Gilmore (24) during the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014, in Orchard Park, N.Y. Ridley was injured on the play. The Patriots went on to beat the Bills 37-22.

(AP Photo/Mike Groll)

**The Associated Press**

**EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP)** — No record this week for Peyton Manning. Just three more touch-

down passes, plenty good enough for the Denver Broncos.

Manning connected with Julius Thomas twice and

Demaryius Thomas once, leaving him two shy of Brett Favre's career mark for passing TDs, and the Broncos held on to beat the

New York Jets 31-17 on Sunday.

**Continued on page 20**



## ALCS Game 3 Preview:

# Reeling Orioles look to right themselves on the road

**TYLER KEPNER**

© 2014 New York Times

**BALTIMORE** - The Kansas City Royals are so hot right now, perhaps only a long layoff can stop them. You can almost see it coming: The Royals could sweep the American League Championship Series, sit around for a while and then crash back to earth in the World Series. The 2007 Colorado Rockies would get lots of phone calls from reporters seeking to make a comparison.

The problem for the Baltimore Orioles is that the ALCS stops for only one day before resuming at Kauffman Stadium on Monday. The Orioles are down, two games to none, and never held a lead in Games 1 and 2 at Camden Yards. The Royals, meanwhile, are 6-0 in the postseason.

"The series ain't over," the Orioles' Adam Jones said near his locker after the game. "If you guys are thinking it's over, why are we going to show up on Monday? We've got a lot of baseball to play in this series. Let's get back after it. We're going to go to K.C. - we've been a very good team on the road - so let's go there and have some fun. Eat some barbecue."

The barbecue will taste great, but nothing else about the trip is certain. Even when the Orioles' pitchers execute their plan, they have learned that the Royals are still apt to foil it. It happened in Game 1 on Friday, when Alex Gordon drove in three runs in the third inning on a broken-bat double off Chris Tillman. It happened again in the first inning of Game 2, when Eric Hosmer broke his bat on a blooper just over the glove of shortstop J.J. Hardy, scoring two runs.

The Royals deserve credit for putting the runners on base, and Lorenzo Cain, who scored from second, had a heady read on Hosmer's hit, allowing Cain to race home. But as two-run singles go, this was maddening.

"That's the pitch I wanted

to make, an up-and-in fast-ball," starter Bud Norris said. He added later: "Got to let it go; nothing you can control. We know we played a hard nine innings."

Indeed, the Orioles brought the winning run to the plate at the end of Game 1, and the tying run to the plate at the end of Game 2. They have fought back three times to draw even in these games but have never quite shaken the Royals.

"That's the big key, if we want to win this series, is when we get that momentum, keeping it on our side," Orioles closer Zach Britton said. "And they're a younger team. If we can do that, we'll be in a good spot. But a young team playing hot right now, they have all the confidence in the world. You've got to kind of put them into a corner a little bit, and that comes from scoring runs, getting the momentum on our side and then shutting them down."

Britton walked the bases loaded in the ninth inning of Game 1 and said later he was surprised by the Royals' plate discipline; he expected them to swing more often than they did. It was a reasonable guess, because the Royals are an extreme contact-hitting team. Their hitters ranked last in the majors in strikeouts this season, with just 985. The next-closest team, Oakland, struck out 119 more times.

In this series, the strikeouts have been nearly even - 17 for the Royals' hitters, 16 for the Orioles' hitters. But when Kansas City makes contact, good fortune follows. An infield single by the speedy Cain led to a run in the third, and another by Omar Infante led to the go-ahead run in the ninth, on a double by Alcides Escobar. "They do a good job of putting the ball in play, and once that happens, you can't control where the balls are, or what happens," said Darren O'Day, the losing pitcher in both games. "So credit them for doing that. I threw some

good pitches, but I'll wear the loss."

The Royals have also hit home runs, another category in which they ranked last in the major leagues

home park, either; the Royals ranked 29th of 30 teams in homers on the road.

At Camden Yards, though, they have flexed their power at critical points,

Angeles Angels in the last round. Escobar, Gordon and Mike Moustakas homered in Game 1 on Friday, and Moustakas homered again in the fourth inning



**Kansas City Royals' Alcides Escobar scores on a single by Lorenzo Cain during the ninth inning of Game 2 of the American League baseball championship series against the Baltimore Orioles Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014, in Baltimore.**

(AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

this season. It had little to do with their expansive

just as they did in Anaheim, while sweeping the Los

of Game 2, just after Baltimore had tied the score. □

**LE VENT**  
Condominiums  
at Eagle Beach  
ARUBA




**FOR SALE**  
Condominiums & Villas

C: +297 5927275  
T: +297 2801005  
E: info@leventaruba.com  
J.E. Irausquin Blvd. 244  
Eagle Beach, Aruba

A luxurious residential complex built to the highest level, with quality finishes, bright spaces and all the details one could dream for in their home.

**Walking distance to Eagle Beach and Spectacular Ocean View.**

Aruba, Paradise in the Caribbean



# Tempers flare at Charlotte as title hopes fade

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

CONCORD, North Carolina

(AP)—Matt Kenseth, usually so calm and composed, lost his cool and attacked Brad Keselowski at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

If Kenseth is fighting, then tempers are certainly running quite high. They reached a boiling point in the aftermath of Saturday night's race as Keselowski, Kenseth, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jimmie Johnson all saw their championship hopes fade to near-desperate status.

The pressure is on — every week — in NASCAR's new championship format, and the frayed nerves unraveled on the track, on pit road and in the garage. Denny Hamlin had to be restrained from going after Keselowski, but Kenseth got to the 2012 champion in the dark alley-like area between a pair of Team

Penske haulers.

Kenseth quickly approached Keselowski from behind and nearly tackled him. He had Keselowski wrapped in his arms when crew members quickly peeled him off,

and Keselowski crew chief Paul Wolfe pulled Kenseth out of the scrum in what appeared to be a choke hold.

As race winner Kevin Harvick celebrated in Victory Lane, activity in the

garage came to a near-halt as drivers and crews watched replays of the melee.

"When you see Matt Kenseth mad enough to fight, you know that this is intense because that's

way out of character for him," Harvick said. "When you see that emotion out of Matt Kenseth, you know that NASCAR has done the right thing to this Chase because everybody is on offense and gouging for every single position that you can get every lap."

That was at the root of the post-race Charlotte activities: There is no room for error in the Chase, and a bad night will put a driver on the brink of elimination. Kenseth, who struggled for large portions of the race and was penalized by NASCAR before the start for an unapproved adjustment made to his car, was incensed that Keselowski hit his car on pit road after the checkered flag. Kenseth had already taken off his seatbelts and lowered his window net, and he felt the contact from Keselowski could have caused injury.



Kevin Harvick (4) burns out after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup series Bank of America 500 auto race at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014.

(AP Photo/Chris Keane)

## Aruhiba Cigars, Aruba's only hand rolled cigars!

*t's a matter of prestige and quality...*

With the purchase of \$20 + up, present this ad and receive a FREE Aruhiba Cigar

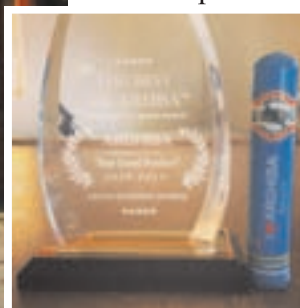


**ORANJESTAD-** Benjamin Petrocchi, a true native Aruban started the newest export product of Aruba, locally produced hand rolled cigars called "Aruhiba". These cigars are produced and cultivated in Aruba. Petrocchi always had a interest in the cigar business and has also sold Premium Cuban Cigars, and now he is growing his own tobacco crops. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba, he started his own production and cultivation of Aruhiba Cigars in Aruba. The whole process took him 10 years to perfect. Petrocchi dedication to the cigars is important for the moulding and process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. Their handmade cigar box is specially designed with their "Aruhiba" logo. Petrocchi considers

Aruhiba as a promotion for Aruba through its fine cigars. The company sells Aruhiba to the international markets as well. Visit their retail store located in front of the Historic Dutch Windmill in front of the RIO Hotel, with any purchase of \$20 and up you receive a free "Aruhiba" cigar or ask for their gift box of 5 cigars get 1 FREE for only \$37. They open from Monday to Saturday from 9 am till 6:30 pm and on Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm. Aruhiba cigars are now available at the gift stores in your resort and at well-known cigar stores. For their complete selection and attractive by the box prices visit their retail store. Tours are also

available at their Tobacco farm where their cigars are grown and rolled. Winner of the best of Aruba. The best local product. Cigars in Tubes Arubian design.

For a group or private tour, call 586-7833 / 593-6177 or send them an email at [aruhibacigars@gmail.com](mailto:aruhibacigars@gmail.com) [www.aruhibacigars.com](http://www.aruhibacigars.com)



Owner Benjamin Petrocchi





# The Cove

Open 5pm - 1am

## Restaurant & Lounge

Casual dining with a wide range of traditional dishes served in an intimate setting.  
Located inside Alhambra Casino • J.E. Irausquin Blvd #47 • 583-5000 • casinoalhambra.com

### NFL WEEK 6

Continued from page 17

Manning has 506 touchdown passes, and could tie or break Favre's record next Sunday at home against San Francisco. Manning finished 22 of 33 for 237 yards — a far cry from last week's performance against Arizona, when he passed for a career-high 479 yards with four TDs.

But Manning displayed his methodical best at times in his return to MetLife Stadium, where he and the Broncos (4-1) were blown out by the Seattle Seahawks in the Super Bowl last February.

Demaryius Thomas had 10 catches for 134 yards, and Ronnie Hillman ran for 100 yards on 24 carries.

The Jets (1-5) had a chance to tie when they got the ball deep in their own territory with less than a minute left. But after a sack put the ball at the 1, Geno Smith's pass was intercepted by Aqib Talib, who returned it 22 yards for a sealing touchdown that sent New York to its fifth straight loss.

The struggling Smith, looking to keep his starting job, was 23 of 43 for 190 yards and touchdown passes to Jace Amaro and Eric Decker, with the one interception.

#### **PATRIOTS 37, BILLS 22**

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Tom Brady threw four touchdown passes and had his 60th 300-yard game to lead New England past Buffalo.

Brandon LaFell had two touchdown catches, including a 56-yarder, and the Patriots forced three turnovers that resulted in 13 points in the second quarter. Brady finished 26 of 36 for 352 yards to spoil the Bills' first game under new owners Terry and Kim

Pegula.

Brady is 23-2 against AFC East rival Buffalo with the Patriots (4-2).

Kyle Orton went 24 of 38 for 299 yards with two touchdowns, an interception and a lost fumble in his second start for Buffalo (3-3) since replacing EJ Manuel.

#### **RAVENS 48, BUCS 17**

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Joe Flacco threw for 306 yards

— Aaron Rodgers threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Andrew Quarless with 3 seconds left to lift Green Bay past Miami.

Green Bay twice gave up leads and trailed 24-17 before Rodgers directed a 68-yard drive for a field goal with 4:09 to go. The Packers (4-2) quickly forced a punt to start at their 40 with 2:04 left, and Rodgers hit Jordy

Nothing new about the Bengals tying at home. They finished 13-13 with Philadelphia in their last overtime game at Paul Brown Stadium in 2008.

Nugent made a 42-yard field goal that put Cincinnati (3-1-1) up after the opening drive of overtime. Carolina (3-2-1) tied it on Graham Gano's 36-yarder with 2:19 left.

regular season in a loss to Cleveland.

Jurrell Casey had two of Tennessee's six sacks. The Titans forced two turnovers as they won their first game at home this season — only their second here in nine games.

The Jaguars (0-6) scored with 37 seconds left when Blake Bortles found Clay Harbor for a 20-yard TD strike. They recovered the onside kick, but Hill got his right fingers on Josh Scobee's 55-yard field goal attempt.

#### **BROWNS 31, STEELERS 10**

CLEVELAND (AP) — Brian Hoyer passed for 217 yards and pulled off a rarity for a Cleveland quarterback, leading the Browns to rout over Ben Roethlisberger and rival Pittsburgh.

Hoyer threw a 51-yard touchdown pass to Jordan Cameron and improved to 6-2 as Cleveland's starter as the surprising Browns (3-2) beat the Steelers for the third time in 23 games. Cleveland hadn't beaten Pittsburgh so badly since a 51-0 victory in 1989.

Ben Tate had two rushing TDs and rookie Isaiah Crowell added another one as the Browns opened a 21-3 lead in the first half and rolled to the easy win a week after staging the largest comeback in NFL history by a road team against Tennessee.

#### **LIONS 17, VIKINGS 3**

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Tahir Whitehead intercepted two of Teddy Bridgewater's passes, and Joique Bell put the game away with a fourth-quarter touchdown run in Detroit's victory over Minnesota.

The biggest problem for Detroit (4-2) was two more missed field goal attempts, through Matt Prater did make one from 52 yards in his Lions debut. Detroit won at Minnesota for only the second time in its last 17 trips. □



**Baltimore Ravens cornerback Lardarius Webb (21) breaks up a pass intended for Tampa Bay Buccaneers wide receiver Vincent Jackson (83) during the first half of an NFL football game in Tampa, Fla., Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014. The Ravens went on to beat the Buccaneers 48-17.**

(AP Photo/Steve Nesius)

and five touchdowns to help Baltimore beat Tampa Bay.

Baltimore (4-2) scored on six straight possessions to begin the game, with Flacco throwing touchdown passes on the first five. Torrey Smith caught the first two, and Kamar Aiken, Michael Campanaro and Steve Smith had the others as the Ravens rebounded from a road loss to Indianapolis.

Tampa Bay (1-5) was embarrassed for the second time in six games under first-year coach Lovie Smith. The Bucs fell 56-14 at Atlanta on Sept. 18.

#### **PACKERS 27, DOLPHINS 24**

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP)

Nelson on fourth-and-10 for 18 yards to keep the winning drive alive.

Rodgers finished with three touchdown passes and 264 yards while committing no turnovers.

The Packers earned their third consecutive victory and won in Miami for only the second time ever. The Dolphins (2-3) lost despite the return of six starters who had missed playing time.

#### **PANTHERS 37, BENGALS 37**

CINCINNATI (AP) — Cincinnati's Mike Nugent missed a 36-yard field goal attempt on the final play of overtime, and the Bengals and Carolina played to the NFL's first tie this season.

Andy Dalton was nearly perfect in overtime, going 8 for 9 for 87 yards with one throwaway. He led the Bengals into range to win it, but Nugent sliced the kick wide right.

#### **TITANS 16, JAGUARS 14**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Sammie Hill blocked a field goal attempt in the final seconds, and Tennessee held off winless Jacksonville to snap a four-game losing streak.

Jackie Battle ran for a touchdown, and Ryan Succop kicked three field goals to help the Titans (2-4) bounce back after blowing the biggest lead ever by a home team in the





**Early Bird Dinner**  
Come & see the spectacular Sunset & receive a 10% discount on your dinner, between 5:30 & 7 pm, by presenting this Ad.  
Our menu offer an impressive selection of Fresh Seafood (caught daily by our own fleet), International Dishes and a relaxing Atmosphere.

**DAILY HAPPY HOUR**  
at our Captain's Morgan Bar from 4 - 6 pm \$4 Bar.  
Open from 11 am - 10 pm  
For Reservations call: 5862259  
Located between Holiday Inn Hotel & Playa Linda Resort www.pelican-aruba.com

THE PELICAN NEST  
Bar & Seafood Grill



## NBA REPORT: Kevin Durant fractures foot

CLIFF BRUNT  
AP Sports Writer

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)** — Kevin Durant, the NBA's leading scorer of this decade and the reigning MVP, will likely miss the first six to eight weeks of the season after fracturing a bone in his right foot.

The Oklahoma City star forward complained of an ache in his foot after practice Saturday, the team said. Tests showed he has a "Jones fracture," a broken bone at the base of his small toe.

Thunder general manager Sam Presti said Sunday that surgery is likely, and that similar injuries have forced players to miss six to eight weeks.

The Thunder open the season Oct. 29 at Portland. A six-week absence could have Durant back for the start of December, with about 65 games remaining.

"We're really fortunate to be catching it when we're catching it," Presti said. "Very fortunate that Kevin notified us yesterday, and we're catching it kind of on the front end, before this became a little bit more of an acute issue."

The Thunder have a couple of high-profile matchups in December, playing LeBron James and the Cavaliers on Dec. 11 and going to San Antonio for a Western Conference finals rematch on Christmas.

Durant won the scoring title last season, collected his first MVP award and led the Thunder to the Western Conference finals. He skipped playing for the U.S. national team in this summer's World Cup so he could get additional rest. □

## US wins first major women's volleyball title

**MILAN (AP)** — Kimberly Hill led the United States to its first major women's volleyball title, scoring 20 points in a 3-1 victory over China on Sunday in the world championships.

Hill had the final kill, and captain Christa Dietzen added 15 points in the Americans' 27-25, 25-20, 16-25, 26-24 victory before 12,600 fans at the Mediolanum Forum.

"We came here to make history and we made it," said U.S. coach Karch Kiraly, a three-time Olympic champion. "It was a tough battle, but we made it."

The U.S. women had never won the world championships, World Cup or Olympics. The Americans finished second in the world championships in 1967 and 2002.

"It's the first time for the USA and we made it," said Dietzen, the Hopewell Township, Pennsylvania, player who had knee surgery in December. "We represented present and



United States' team celebrates after winning the women's Volleyball World Championships final match against China in Milan, Italy, Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014.

(AP Photo/Emilio Andreoli)

future volleyball programs, but most importantly we did it together."

The 6-foot-4 Hill, from Portland, Oregon, was selected the tournament's best

spiker. Alisha Glass of LeLand, Michigan, was honored as the best setter.

Zeng Chunlei led China with 20 points.

In Saturday's semifinals,

the U.S. stunned top-ranked Olympic champion Brazil 3-0.

Brazil beat Italy 25-15, 25-13, 22-25, 22-25, 15-7 in the bronze-medal match. □

## College Football Roundup:

### No. 3 Mississippi St. tops No. 2 Auburn, 38-23

The Associated Press

**STARKVILLE, Mississippi (AP)**

— Dak Prescott ran for two touchdowns and threw for another, leading No. 3 Mississippi State to a 38-23 victory over No. 2 Auburn in College Football on Saturday. Mississippi State has won nine straight games going back to last season. Auburn, the defending SEC champion, lost for the first time since last season's national championship game. The Bulldogs took a 21-0 lead in the first nine minutes, but Auburn pulled to 28-20 in the third quarter. The Tigers couldn't complete

the comeback, though, undone by Ricardo Louis' fumble in the fourth quarter, untimely penalties and an inconsistent offense.

Prescott completed 18 of 34 passes for 246 yards and ran for 121 yards. He threw two interceptions.

Josh Robinson ran for 97 yards and two touchdowns, De'Runnya Wilson had four receptions for 72 yards, including a 34-yard touchdown catch. And the defense bailed out the offense with red-zone stops following turnovers.

Auburn's Nick Marshall threw for 209 yards, two

touchdowns and two interceptions. He ran for 100 yards.

At College Station, Texas, Bo Wallace ran for two scores and threw a touchdown pass to help the third-ranked Rebels beat No. 14 Texas A&M 35-20.

Wallace gave Mississippi an early lead with touchdown runs on consecutive possessions in the first quarter. Cody Prewitt returned an interception 75 yards for a score in the second quarter to make it 21-0.

A&M cut it to 14 in the third quarter, but Wallace answered with 33-yard touch-

down pass and Mississippi padded the lead with a fumble return for a TD early in the fourth quarter.

Jameis Winston was nearly flawless, throwing for 317 yards and three touchdowns, Mario Pender scored twice, and top ranked Florida State beat Syracuse, 38-20.

The Seminoles have won a school-record 22 straight games, the longest streak in the nation, and 19 in a row in the conference.

Rarely pressured, Winston was 30 of 36 for his fifth 300-yard passing game on the road. □



# Euro 2016: Spain back on track, England wins again

**STEVE DOUGLAS**  
**AP Sports Writer**

Diego Costa finally transferred his prolific club form to international level to help Spain get back on track in European Championship qualifying, while Wayne Rooney edged England to another win on the road to France.

Playing his seventh game for Spain, Costa ended his international drought with the third goal in a 4-0 win over Luxembourg in Group C that ensured the European champions rebounded from its first qualifying loss in eight years, against Slovakia on Thursday.

It was much less routine for England in Estonia, with Rooney coming to the rescue with a 73rd-minute free kick in a 1-0 victory in Tallinn. England tops Group E with a maximum nine points from three games.

Also Sunday, Austria is the surprise leader of Group G after a 1-0 win over Montenegro.

Here is a look at Sunday's qualifying action:

## GROUP C

Costa is the English Premier League's top scorer with nine goals in his first season at Chelsea, and he is now



Spain's Diego Da Silva Costa, left, fights for the ball with Luxembourg's Maxime Chanot, right, during the Euro 2016 qualifying match in group C between Luxembourg and Spain at the Josy Barthel stadium, in Luxembourg City, Luxembourg, Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014.

(AP Photo/Yves Logghe)

up and running for Spain. Costa's goal from close range in the 69th minute added to first-half strikes by David Silva and Paco Alcacer — his third in as many appearances for the Spanish — before Juan Bernat completed a routine win from a pass by fellow debutant Rodrigo Moreno. Spain coach Vicente del

Bosque dropped goalkeeper Iker Casillas to the bench and started David de Gea, who was rarely forced into action.

The win wasn't enough to lift Spain to the top of the group, with Slovakia maintaining its strong start to qualifying by beating Belarus 3-1 mainly thanks to Marek Hamsik's brace.

Slovakia is on nine points, Spain is level on six with Ukraine after its 1-0 win over Macedonia 1-0. Luxembourg and Macedonia have one point.

## GROUP E

With three wins from three games and no goals conceded, England is making light work of an easy-look-

ing group that is offering Rooney a great chance to surpass Bobby Charlton as the country's all-time top scorer.

The Manchester United striker moved to within six goals of Charlton's haul of 49 with a free kick from 25 yards (meters) that curled over the wall and inside the near post, with goalkeeper Sergei Pareiko parrying the ball against the upright but unable to keep it out.

Until then, Estonia had frustrated England despite playing with 10 men from the 48th minute after captain Ragnar Klavan's sending-off for two yellow cards.

Rooney endured a frustrating evening, wasting two decent first-half chances and then a one-on-one opportunity in second-half injury time but proved to be England's match winner.

"It was hard work," England manager Roy Hodgson said. "We played well in the first half without taking our chances and that meant that there was an air of frustration setting in. Everyone was aware that when you have played well you have to take at least one chance.□

# Federer wins 4th title of year at Shanghai Masters

**JUSTIN BERGMAN**  
**Associated Press**

**SHANGHAI (AP)** — Shanghai Masters winner Roger Federer was so rusty in his first match back this week after a month-long break that he was close to packing his bags and heading home.

The Swiss star had racked up 57 unforced errors against Leonardo Mayer in the second round and fought off five match points before finally pulling through well after midnight.

Four days after his narrow escape, however, he captured his fourth title of the year with a 7-6 (6), 7-6 (2) win over France's Gilles Simon in Sunday's final.

"I got very, very lucky," Federer said. "I know what a privilege it is to be here to-

day."

It's been a banner year for Federer despite the fact he's fallen just short at the majors, including a heart-breaking loss to Novak Djokovic in the Wimbledon final. Federer leads the tour this season in match wins (61), top-10 wins (13) and final appearances (nine). And on Monday, he will

leap past Rafael Nadal to No. 2 in the rankings for the first time in more than a year. Though Djokovic is still far ahead in No. 1, Federer also got his third win of the year against the Serb in the semifinals. He put on such a dominant display that Djokovic said in an unusually brief post-match news conference that it was

the best Federer has ever played against him.

A year ago, it was a different story. Bothered by

back problems, he fell to a number of lower-ranked players and only won one title.□

**Honey Dolls 24/7**  
Massage and escort service  
**Beautiful Latin Girls**  
Pick-up & Delivery  
Serving Men - Couple - Women - All Genders  
**Red Light Tour**  
Bachelor Party Specialized, the best in the Caribbean  
**Call: 565-9535**

**TODAY BONDIA**  
**How to reach us!**

Downtown





**Aruba's award-winning family owned & operated smokehouse is back with a new location at Alhambra Casino & Shops near Eagle Beach.**

**Doin' it low & slow with beef brisket, pulled pork, ribs, fish, and more! Hand crafted cocktails include the signature fresh blackberry bourbon lemonade**

**Winner of Battle of the Food Trucks 2013  
Winner of Trip Advisor's Award of Excellence**



**Phone:**  
**(297) 280-9989**  
Open weekdays  
5pm-10pm,  
Saturday & Sunday  
noon to 10pm  
(closed Tuesdays)

## Embracing wearable technology, warts and all

**NICK BILTON**

© 2014 New York Times

When it comes to the future of computing, there is one major known and a principal unknown.

The known, with almost guaranteed certainty, is that the next era of computing will be wearables. The unknown, with commensurate guaranteed uncertainty, is what these wearables will be and where on your body they will live.

Apple and Samsung, for example, are betting on the wrist; Google, the face. A slew of tech companies believe clothing will simply become electronic. Yet there's a whole new segment of startups that believe all of the above are destined for failure and that we humans will become the actual computers, or at least the place where the technology will reside.

Their enthusiasm is on an emerging class of wearable computers that adhere to the skin like temporary tattoos, or attach to the body like an old-fashioned Band-Aid.

Many of these technologies don't look anything like today's gadgets. Instead, they are stretchable, bendable and incredibly thin. They can also be given unique designs, to stand out like a bold tattoo, or to blend in to the color of your skin.

While these wearables raise novel privacy concerns, their advocates say there are numerous benefits. Attachable computers will be less expensive to make, provide greater accuracy because sensors will be closer to a person's body (or even inside us) and offer the most utility, as something people won't

forget to wear.

MC10, a company based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is testing attachable computers that look like small rectangular stickers, about the size of a piece of gum, and can include wireless antennas, temperature and heart-rate sensors and a tiny battery.

"Our devices are not like wearables that are used today, where people wear them for a little bit and then throw them into a drawer," said Scott Pomerantz, the chief executive of MC10. "Ours are always on you. We have the smallest, most flexible, stretchable, wearable computer, and you can collect all sorts of biometric data tied to your motion."

MC10 recently teamed up with John A. Rogers, a professor of materials science and engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, who has been working for nearly a decade to perfect flexible devices that can be worn on the skin or implanted internally.

How would these gadgets work? Imagine being able to slap a few Band-Aid-size sensors to your body when you go for a run, then seeing a micro-level reading of your exercise on your phone.

Maybe you want to figure out which deodorant would be best for you. This would be done with a sticker that tracks your sweat level, then emails you a few brand recommendations. Or if you want to monitor your baby's breathing, you would stick a little sensor on the baby's chest that will alert you to any problems. "We'll eventually see a more intimate integration of electronics and biological systems," Rogers said in

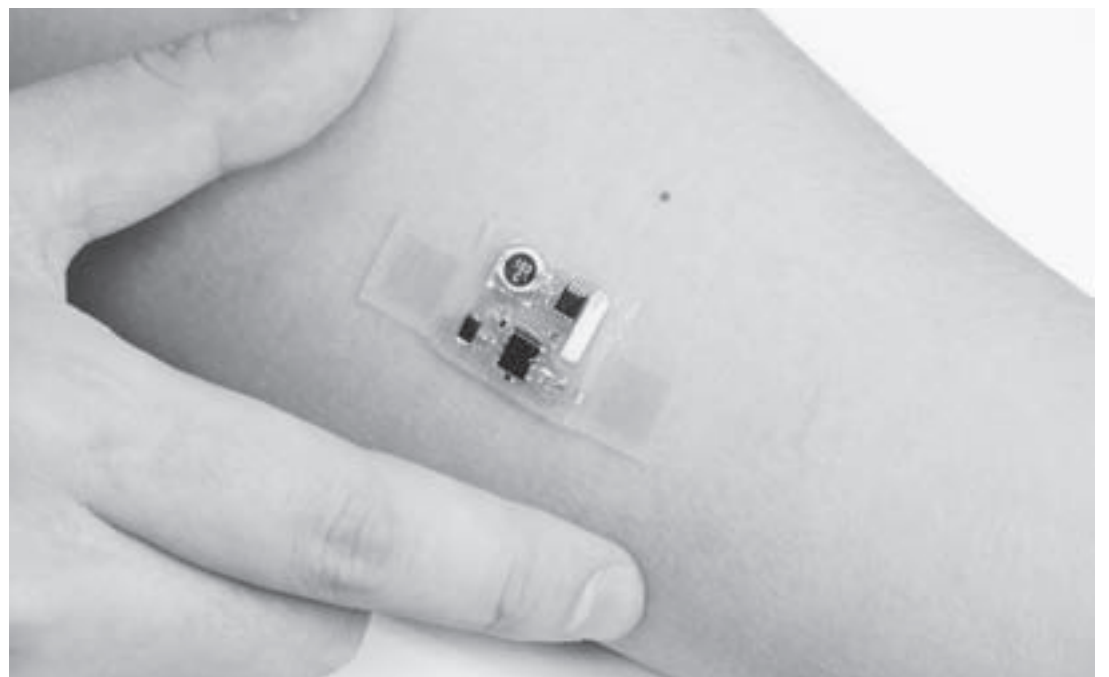
a phone interview. "Without that kind of intimate physical contact, it's going to be difficult, or maybe even impossible, to extract meaningful data."

The health applications are enormous. Over the past year, Rogers and his team of scientists have been

working with patients with Parkinson's disease to monitor their motions, dermatologists to treat skin diseases, and beauty companies like L'Oréal to develop digital stickers that track skin hydration.

Wearable-computer advocates are also giddy about

the infinite style possibilities. "It turns out that the mechanics of these devices are 100 percent compatible with kids' standard temporary tattoos," Rogers said. Meaning, they can be made to look like tattoos, with each segment containing different sensors. □



**A wearable computer sensor developed by MC10. An emerging class of wearable computers attach directly to the skin and are being tested for medical monitoring purposes, but advocates are also giddy about their possible uses as style accessories.**

(John A. Rogers/UIU via The New York Times)

**Appetizers**  
Choose one

- \* Stuffed Avocado
- \* Escorgot Bourguignon
- \* Fruits of the Seven Seas
- \* Choice of Soup

**Entrees**  
Choose one

- \* **Breaded Grouper**  
Topped with coconut shrimps served with rice and vegetables
- \* **Land & Sea**  
Chicken Breast, Steak & Shrimps with rice and vegetables
- \* **Breaded Chicken Breast**  
Served with mushroom sauce, topped with cheese served with vegetables and stuffed potato
- \* **Twin Tenderloin or Chicken Parmesan**  
Served on a bed of linguini pasta

**Desserts**  
Dessert, Coffee or Tea

**only \$25**  
BBQ+ 15% S.C.

**EARLY BIRD Special**

Hours are from: 5:30p.m. till 7:00p.m.  
Tel: 586-6172

**Open daily from: 5:30pm till 10:00pm**



## Wall Street Watch:

# A Loss of Altitude at the Quarter's Close

CONRAD DE AENLLE

© 2014 New York Times

Black swans - those rare, disastrous events that can derail bull markets - were thought to be lurking everywhere during the third quarter, from China to Ukraine to the Middle East

reached. Investors haven't minded because companies have taken steps - cutting costs, executing stock buybacks - to increase earnings and because the Federal Reserve has maintained an aggressively relaxed monetary policy. But

need to see strong economic growth."

An apparent willingness to keep giving the Fed and the economy the benefit of the doubt sent the Standard & Poor's 500 index to a record close of 2,011.36 on Sept. 18. That was the

ment. Resulting huge outflows of money from Pimco funds raised concerns about trading distortions in the bond market.

Over the final seven trading days of the quarter, the S&P 500 erased nearly all of its earlier 3 percent gain, ending at 1,972.29, up just 0.6 percent. Other indexes were mixed. The Nasdaq Composite rose 1.9 percent, while the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies declined 7.7 percent.

Treasury yields were flat during the period, with the 10-year note yielding 2.5 percent. Other bonds fared much worse, on price; high-yield instruments had their biggest rise in yields, to 6.3 percent from 5.3 percent, for any quarter since 2011. Portfolio managers and market strategists agree with Toohey that evidence of a steeper economic growth trajectory will have to emerge soon to keep the rally going in stocks and high-yield bonds. There is little consensus on whether it will.

One of the optimists, Stephen Auth, chief investment officer for equities at Federated Investors, says he expects economic output to keep "trucking along at 3.5 percent to 4 percent" annual growth into 2015.

"Everyone is very nervous," he said, "but we think the underlying picture is pretty good."

John Maxwell, manager of the Ivy International Core Equity fund, has heard such forecasts before and is unconvinced.

"The U.S. economy has hit a wall," he said. "Every time we've gotten to a point where we start thinking things are fine, estimates get ahead of themselves and we go through six months where they disappoint. This is probably as good as it's going to get." Toohey occupies the middle ground.

"We're expecting a pickup but not the acceleration that people on Wall Street are expecting," he said.

Continued on Page 27

## 21st Century Fox forms production group with Apollo

© 2014 New York Times

Rupert Murdoch's 21st Century Fox has sealed a deal with Apollo Global Management to form one of the largest television production groups in the world, uniting the makers of "Big Brother," "American Idol" and "MasterChef."

Valued at more than \$2 billion, the joint venture announced this weekend includes Fox's Shine Group - the global production company behind scripted and unscripted programming like the weight-loss reality show "The Biggest Loser" and the popular British drama "Broadchurch" - as well as two production companies controlled by the private equity firm Apollo. They are Endemol, known for "Big Brother," and Core Media, the maker of "American Idol."

Included in the announcement was the news that Elisabeth Murdoch would step down from her position as chairwoman of Shine. Elisabeth Murdoch, who is a daughter of Rupert Murdoch, started the production group in 2001 before selling it to Murdoch's News Corp. a decade later for \$673 million. The new combined group will operate in more than 30 countries and control a portfolio that includes more than 600 scripted and unscripted program formats, with libraries including thousands more. Fox and Apollo each will own half of the new venture and they will jointly manage the group. The new venture has not been named. "This partnership advances our strategy of accelerating 21st Century Fox's growth in worldwide television production," said Chase Carey, chief operating officer of the company, which was recently spun off from Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. "The combination of these assets will create a leading global format business with a deep and diverse portfolio of products, enhanced distribution capabilities and world-class creative talent." □



Economic growth has been erratic for a long time, with prosperity just around a corner that never seems to be reached. Investors haven't minded, because companies have taken steps to increase earnings and because the Federal Reserve has maintained an aggressively relaxed monetary policy.

(Jessica Roux/The New York Times)

- even Scotland. Yet stock indexes rose for nearly the entire period, continually setting record highs.

The advance all but evaporated in the waning days, however, as some of the swans still threatened to make an appearance and new ones were glimpsed in places like Hong Kong and Newport Beach, California. It was no help, either, that the bird-watchers on Wall Street began to focus their gaze on another unwelcome creature: a hawk.

Economic growth has been erratic for a long time, with prosperity just around a corner that never seems to be

with the Fed expected to end its asset purchases this month and perhaps raise interest rates at some point in 2015, investment advisers say, there is a sense that the economy had better prove soon that it has traction.

"We're hitting the point where we find out how much of the recovery is real and how much is artificial," said John Toohey, head of equities at USAA Investments.

"We've seen the stock market do well as earnings per share have gone up," he added. "But we haven't seen strong organic revenue growth. To get it, we

day Scotland voted not to separate from the United Kingdom - a relief to investors, as was the absence of appreciable exacerbation of the Ukraine conflict and the economic slowdown in China.

But as September drew to a close, the stock and bond markets became unsettled by political protests in Hong Kong and by a startling move in Newport Beach: the out-of-the-blue departure of William H. Gross from Pacific Investment Management, which he founded. Gross said he was shifting to a rival firm, Janus Capital Manage-



## Activist hedge fund succeeds in replacing board at Darden

ALEXANDRA STEVENSON  
© 2014 New York Times

Activist hedge fund Starboard Value prevailed this weekend in its showdown with the board of Darden Restaurants, the owner of Olive Garden and other chains, winning shareholder support to replace the entire board.

After its annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, Darden announced that based on a preliminary vote count, shareholders had elected all 12 of Starboard's nominated directors, a rare repudiation of a full board.

The new directors will include Starboard's chief executive, Jeffrey C. Smith, and Bradley D. Blum, a former president of Olive Garden.

The resounding victory caps a one-year battle between Darden and a group of disgruntled investors who first called for Darden to create a separate company for its Red Lobster and Olive Garden chains.

Instead, Darden ignored their recommendation and sold Red Lobster for \$2.1 billion in May despite shareholder misgivings, resulting in a fierce war of words between the activist investors and Darden. Starboard then announced its plans to unseat the board, arguing that Darden's management had shown "contempt for shareholder interest."

Starboard captured headlines again last month when it criticized Olive Garden for wasting money by providing customers with unlimited breadsticks.

Speaking at Darden's annual meeting Friday, Smith struck a more conciliatory note.

"I love Olive Garden unlimited breadsticks," he said, adding that Olive Garden's offerings were a large reason for customer loyalty.

In a statement later released by the company, Smith said, "The new board is prepared and excited to immediately begin working alongside Darden's management team to put Darden on track for long-term value creation for all shareholders."

The new board members also include food-industry insiders Jean M. Birch, a former president of IHOP, and Alan N. Stillman, the chief executive and chairman of the Smith & Wollensky Restaurant Group.

Speaking on behalf of Darden's outgoing directors, Charles A. Ledsinger Jr., the former independent non-executive chairman, said, "We give our best wishes to the incoming directors, welcome the reconstituted board and look forward to seeing continued progress at Darden."

The pleasant formalities were in stark contrast to the acrimonious proxy battle waged by Starboard, which now has an 8.8 percent stake in Darden, and the smaller activist the Barington Capital Group.

What began as an effort to push for change at Darden, which owns brands like LongHorn Steakhouse, Capital Grille, Seasons 52, Yard House, Bahama Breeze and Eddie V's, developed into a full-blown fight for control of the board.

Late last year, Barington proposed spinning off Olive Garden and Red Lobster into a company separate from Darden's higher-growth chains. It also urged Darden to consider selling its real estate and leasing it or spinning off those holdings into a publicly traded real estate investment trust.

Darden countered with a proposal to spin off Red Lobster, but not Olive Garden, as a stand-alone company. It was this proposal that prompted the larger activist, Starboard, to echo Barington's call and object to the spinoff, arguing that the move would sacrifice value by leaving Red Lobster too small to survive while failing to capitalize on its real estate. □

## Southwest looks for spark from expansion in Dallas

DAVID KOENIG  
AP Airlines Writer  
DALLAS (AP) — When Southwest Airlines recently introduced a new paint job

is flying in for the occasion. CEO Gary Kelly says bookings for the new flights are strong, and demand could outstrip seats. He

cently, Southwest tweaked its schedule to allow more time between flights. Still, Southwest had the lowest rate of consumer com-



**A Southwest Airlines plane flies over Love Field in Dallas. On Monday, Oct. 13, 2014, Southwest will launch its first long-distance flights from its home base at Dallas Love Field to seven cities across the country, with eight more destinations next month. Such flights were prohibited until now by a longtime law that protected Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport by limiting flights from Love Field to a few nearby states.**

(AP Photo/LM Otero)

for its planes, a senior executive joked that at 43 years old and being from Dallas, it was time for the airline to get a face-lift.

At middle age, Southwest is the fourth-largest U.S. airline by traffic, setting records for profits and enjoying a stock-price rally. But it wants more. Most of 2014 has been spent trying to regain the dazzling growth of its earlier years.

On Monday, Southwest gets some help. It will launch its first long-distance flights from its home base at Dallas Love Field to seven cities across the country, with eight more destinations next month. Such flights were prohibited until now by a longtime law that protected Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport by limiting flights from Love Field to a few nearby states. Southwest will go head-to-head with Fort Worth, Texas-based American Airlines, which flies to most of those same 15 cities from DFW Airport. There will also be a new competitor at Love Field: Virgin America, whose swashbuckling founder, Richard Branson,

believes the Love Field expansion presents "very significant growth opportunities for us." Already this year, Southwest has started its first-ever international flights to Mexico and the Caribbean and grown in New York and Washington. Southwest was once a legendary growth story. From three planes in 1971, it grew to 70 by 1985, and was flying more than 400 planes by the middle of last decade. But aside from the \$1.4 billion purchase of AirTran Airways in 2011, Southwest Airlines Co. has hardly grown in recent years. Instead it has focused on meeting profit-margin goals to satisfy Wall Street.

On-time performance, once a hallmark, has slipped badly. In the most recent 12-month period, only 71 percent of Southwest's flights arrived on time, last among the largest U.S. airlines, according to government figures. Airline executives thought they could squeeze in more flights with no new planes, but the move backfired, resulting in delays and missed connections. Re-

plaints in August, the latest month for which figures are available. Customers like that Southwest has fewer fees — it is the only major airline that lets passengers check two bags for free.

One afternoon this week at Love Field, Bill Gibson of Oklahoma City was at the baggage carousel, waiting for the video gear he uses to shoot car commercials. He said he has flown Southwest for 20 years.

"For the longest time, you got three bags free. Now you get two, which I can still make work — that's the big thing for me," Gibson said. But Southwest isn't for everyone. Unlike American, United and Delta — or even its own AirTran subsidiary — Southwest doesn't have a first-class cabin to lure premium passengers.

"You don't have that level of luxury travel. You're part of the herd of cattle," said Michelle Pontrelli of Dallas. She said Southwest is fine "for getting somewhere in Texas quickly," but she was more intrigued by the Love Field arrival of Virgin America, which sells first-class seats. □



## Mutts



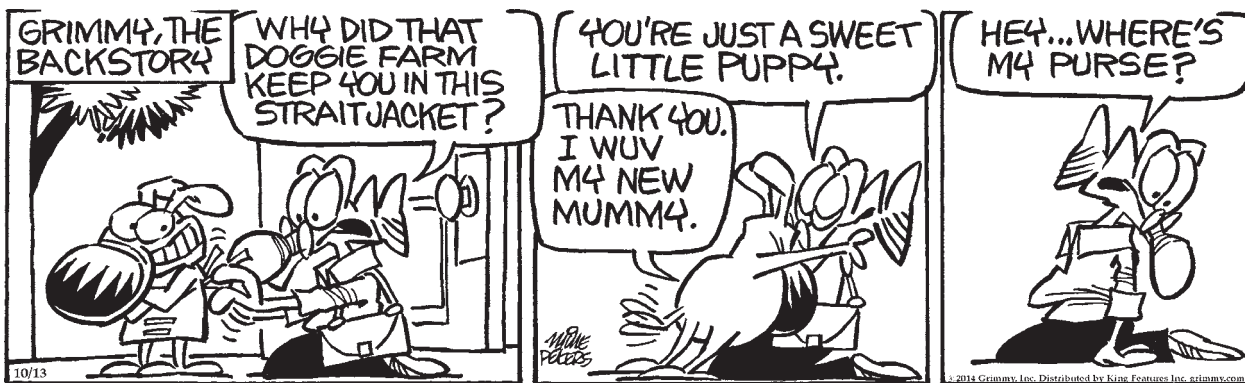
## 6 Chix



## Blondie



## Mother Goose & Grimm



## Baby Blues



## Zits



## Conceptis Sudoku

		8	1	4		5	
	6			2	5		9
7				6	3		
3					1	9	
6	8			7		4	3
	2	4					6
		1	6				2
9			8	1		6	
	7		3	9	4		

Difficulty Level ★

10/13

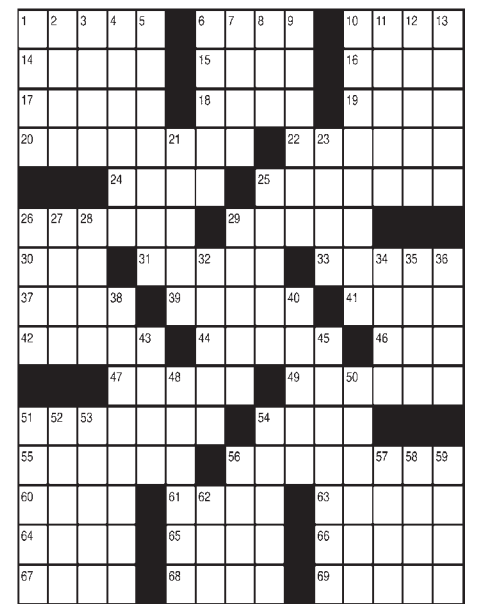
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Saturday's puzzle answer

4	3	8	1	9	6	7	2	5
9	7	1	5	2	8	4	6	3
6	2	5	4	7	3	9	8	1
7	1	2	3	8	9	6	5	4
5	9	4	7	6	1	8	3	2
3	8	6	2	4	5	1	9	7
2	5	9	8	1	4	3	7	6
8	4	3	6	5	7	2	1	9
1	6	7	9	3	2	5	4	8

## ACROSS

- Very important; not trivial
- Sign of an old wound
- \_\_\_ of the Apostles; biblical book
- Wed on the run
- Short letter
- Caramel-topped custard
- Smacks
- Primates
- Got up
- Brief summary
- Morphine, e.g.
- Dirt
- Big rig driver
- Align
- Terra \_\_\_; clay for patio pots
- Wine and dine
- Challenged
- Ormy moods
- Pecans and almonds
- \_\_\_ gun; traffic cop's device
- "Get lost!"
- Stubborn mark in the laundry
- Inuit boat
- Large bird from Australia
- Alma \_\_\_; one's former school
- Benumbed
- Lured; seduced
- Become \_\_\_; gel
- Singer Frankie
- Covered wagon drivers
- Erie or Titicaca
- Very eager
- Arm joint
- Many of Keats' works
- Egypt's river
- Tripoli's nation
- Robin's home
- Able to reach high shelves
- Impudent



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

10/13/14

## Saturday's Puzzle Solved

PURE	SWAMP	EGGS
UPON	TRIAL	MEAL
MOOS	EERIE	BALE
ARTISAN	LABORED	
	GUM	PEDAL
GLENN	SAD	TUTUS
ROYS	SKI	RESIST
ACE	ORANGES	REO
BATONS	FED	HERR
SLOPS	OUT	SUDSY
	PEARL	WED
STARTLE	DAWDLED	
CUBE	OGRES	LAKE
ONES	HOIST	EVEN
TEDS	ANGIE	DADS

(c) 2014 Tribune Content Agency, LLC  
All Rights Reserved.

10/13/14

## DOWN

- Cluttered state
- Friendly nation

- St. \_\_\_ of Arc
- Fight against
- Answer
- Slow crawler
- Policemen
- Gobbled up
- Vacation destination
- Nigerians and Ugandans
- Mantle
- One of the five senses
- \_\_\_ at; show contempt for
- Ravi Shankar's instrument
- \_\_\_ up with; tolerates
- October 13
- Possesses
- Overwhelming defeat
- Smidgen
- Hope chest
- wood
- Did a fall chore
- Frosted
- Subdue

- Astonish
- Easiest
- Standard car feature
- Intl. military alliance
- Bits of corn
- Renter
- Aviator Earhart
- Eagle's claw
- Dodge
- Creates
- Mr. Castro
- Difficult person
- Recedes
- Acuff & Orbison
- Influence
- By way of



## Wall Street

Continued from Page 24

"We think there will be some improvements in the labor market and manufacturing, particularly in the energy area."

If forecasts are all over the place, it could be because recent readings have been, too. The economy expanded at an annual rate of 4.6 percent in the second quarter after contracting at a 2.1 percent rate in the previous period. Forecasts for the just-ended quarter cluster around 3 percent growth; the Bureau of Economic Analysis will issue its first reading of several Oct. 30.

On the bright side, the number of claims for unemployment benefits continued to decline steadily. Skeptics, however, pointed to persistently lethargic consumer spending, as well as to recent manufacturing and consumer confidence surveys that came in weaker than forecast, and evidence that the recovery in housing has run its course.

Sales of previously owned homes were 5.3 percent lower in August than a year earlier, with declines for every price group except \$1 million-plus homes, according to the National Association of Realtors, though the average sales price was 4.8 percent higher.

The picture may be mixed, but fund performance was negative nearly across the board. The average domestic equity fund tracked by Morningstar was down 1.8 percent in the quarter, depressed by declines exceeding 5 percent in the three categories covering small companies. Among portfolios that focus on a single sector, just 3 of 10 groups - consumer staples, technology and health - showed an average gain. Bond funds were down 0.8 percent, attributable largely to declines of 2 percent in high-yield portfolios and 2.9 percent in emerging-market portfolios. Municipal bond funds were a bright spot, with an average return of 1.5 percent. The greater urgency for

signs of a perkier domestic economy may stem not only from fears of hawks at the Fed but also from an albatross in Europe. Economic conditions there have been noticeably more feeble than elsewhere through most of the recovery. Recent indications of a new descent toward recession, if borne out, could drag the world economy lower again.

In one of the latest signs of deterioration, the European Union reported an increase of 0.3 percent in consumer prices in the 12 months through September, the lowest reading since 2009. Producer prices fell 1.4 percent in the 12 months through August, the most recent reading.

Eurozone unemployment was 11.5 percent in August, the same as in the previous two months and higher than at any point in the Great Recession. As the third quarter was ending, Germany, the largest European economy, reported the number of jobless rose 12,000 in September, above the average forecast of 2,000.

Poor performance by European stocks, combined with a sharp decline in the euro, which reduces the dollar value of European assets, resulted in a decline of 7.3 percent for European stock funds in the quarter. It also helped send the average international stock fund to a loss of 4.6 percent. Asia stock funds fared better but still lost 2.2 percent; emerging-market stock funds were down 3.5 percent.

The malaise in Europe, and the reduced expectations that it has engendered, could work to investors' advantage, Maxwell said. "There was hope coming into the year that Europe was coming out of recession," he recalled. "People were hoping for 2 percent to 2.5 percent growth. Now they're facing 1 percent growth, so it's easier to beat expectations at the margin. The U.S. is probably as good as it's going to get. Europe seems as bad as it's going to get." With that in mind, Maxwell encourages investors to consider shares of Europe-

based multinational producers of consumer staples. Demand for such staples - food, drink, tobacco, household items - tends to remain stable in any economic backdrop, and the cheap euro makes European companies' products more competitive abroad, helping to bolster earnings at home.

He also likes European carmakers and ad agencies. Elsewhere, he is hopeful about Chinese, South Korean and Mexican stocks. He is negative on Japan, but less so than usual, he said, because "the government is desperate to get asset prices up and valuations have come off quite a bit." As for bonds, with yields on government issues near historical lows nearly everywhere, he finds them too expensive relative to stocks.

Nick Smithie, chief investment strategist at Emerging Global Advisors, likewise recommends Chinese stocks, but only in certain corners of the market. □

## Classifieds

**TIMESHARE FOR SALE**  
by owner at below mkt pricing Divi Golf and beach week 40, luxury 2 rm suite, gated, affinity pool ground fl, rm 4106, 10/4 \$5500 and Aruba Beach Club wk 40, rm 128, \$3175 10/4  
Local 565-9394  
e-mail rmwjm@aol.com or US 508 651 0016

202783

**BELLA VISTA SPA SPECIAL**  
Massage (50 min) \$40  
Manicure & Pedicure \$30  
Facial (basic) \$45  
De La Salle Straat 41  
Dow Town  
Call for reservation  
569-1877 / 641-3974

202785

**PROPERTY LAND FOR SALE**  
Situated at Sjabiroei, Santa Cruz Lagness 22.953m<sup>2</sup>  
for more information call:  
Tel: 585-7107 / 582-4244  
Tel: 743-3044 / 562-4906

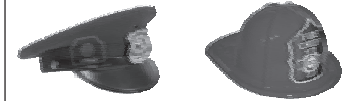
202788

## DOCTOR ON DUTY Oranjestad



Dr. J. Croes

## EMERGENCIA 911



POLIS	100
POLIS	581-1100
ORANJESTAD	582-4000
NOORD	587-0009
STA. CRUZ	585-4710
SAVANETA	584-7000
SAN NICOLAS	584-5000
FIRE DEPT.	115
FIRE DEPT.	582-1108
POLIS TIPLINE	11141
HOSPITAL	527-4000
AMBULANCE	582-1234
SAN NICOLAS	
AMBULANCE	584-5050

## PHARMACY

Oranjestad: Sta. Anna Tel: 586-8181  
San Nicolas: Aloe Tel: 584-4606

INFORMATION	118
SETAR	582-2116
TAXI	582-5900
TAXI-TAS	587-5900
PROF. TAXI	588-0035
TAXI D.T.S.	587-2300
SERVICE ARUBA	583-3232

## CRUISESHIP

October 13  
MONARCH



Aruba Airport	524-2424
American Airline	582-2700
Avianca	588-0059
Dutch Antilles	588-1900
Insel Air	588-9314
Jet Blue	588-2244
Spirit Airlines	582-7117
Tiara Air	588-4272
Venezolana	583-7674

## FOUNDATION

### FELLOWSHIP CLINIC

Tel: 584-6440  
Alcoholism & Drug Addiction,  
Anonymity guaranteed

## FUNDACION

### Anti-Droga

Aruba  
(FADA) Tel: 583-2999

## FUNDACION

### Respetami

Tel: 582-4433

### Diabetic Foundation

Arubano  
Tel: 583-3808

### Narcotics Anonymous

Tel: 583-8989

### Foundation Amor

pa Prohimo

Tel: 583-3345 / 586-6976

### Women in Difficulties

Foundation

Tel: 583-5400

### Bloodbank Aruba

Tel: 587-0002

**REAL PEOPLE REAL SERVICE REAL ESTATE**

**Aruba TOPHOMES** Serio Blanco 20  
Ph. 297 588 9937  
Fax. 297 583 0683  
**WWW.ARUBATOPHOMES.COM**

**For Sale ORANJESTAD**

Unique Property, Margriestraat 1, Down Town  
4 Bed, 3 Bath, plus outside room w/ Bath  
Private Property Land, Fully refurbish,  
European kitchen, Outside home-office/ library  
Pool, 2 Cars Garage, very nice displayed.

**AWG 1,062,000 \$ 600,000**

**DONKEY SANCTUARY ARUBA**

*Come and Visit*



# Farmers gain weapon against devastating pig virus

STEPHANIE STROM

© 2014 New York Times

A disease that killed off at least 10 percent of the nation's hogs in the last year is starting to threaten farmers again as colder weather approaches.

But they have new tools to fight the ailment, porcine epidemic diarrhea virus. The Agriculture Department has conditionally approved two vaccines, and

and some have lost entire litters to the disease, according to the National Pork Producers Council.

Howard Hill, the council's president, told attendees at the World Pork Expo this summer that 1.3 million pigs died from the virus in January alone. The need to bury so many carcasses has even raised concerns about the effect on groundwater.

ing their fingers crossed."

In June, the Agriculture Department set aside \$3.9 million to develop vaccines against the disease, but none of that money has gone to the two it has licensed for use thus far. One is made by Zoetis, a titan of veterinary medicine; the other by Harrisvaccines, a company founded by a veterinarian and former animal science

none are for use on sows with no sign of the virus. They work by increasing a sow's immunity, which she then passes on to her offspring through colostrum and milk.

The Zoetis vaccine went on the market in September. Elinore White, a company spokeswoman, said it had been shown to be safe in a field study that also suggested it was effective. She

## Lung cancer may lie dormant for as long as 2 decades

© 2014 HealthDay

(HealthDay News) - Lung cancer can remain dormant for more than 20 years before suddenly becoming aggressive, a new study says.

Researchers analyzed lung cancers from seven patients -- including smokers, former smokers and never smokers -- and found that the initial genetic errors that cause the cancer can go undetected for many years. This dormancy can end when new, additional genetic mistakes occur and trigger rapid cancer growth, the researchers said. During this sudden growth, different genetic errors appear in separate parts of the tumor. Each of these areas evolves differently, and every one is genetically unique, they explained. The researchers also found that smoking causes many of the early genetic faults linked to lung cancer, but these become less important as the disease evolves. They said most of the new cancer-causing mutations are the results of a process controlled by a protein called APOBEC.

The large variety of genetic errors found within lung cancers explains why targeted treatments have had limited success against the disease, according to the Cancer Research UK scientists.

Their study was published Oct. 9 in the journal *Science*. "This fascinating research highlights the need to find better ways to detect lung cancer earlier when it's still following just one evolutionary path. If we can nip the disease in the bud and treat it before it has started traveling down different evolutionary routes, we could make a real difference in helping more people survive the disease," Professor Nic Jones, chief scientist at Cancer Research UK, said in a news release from the organization.

Survival rates from lung cancer remain "devastatingly low," added study author Charles Swanton. □



**Piglets seek out their mother's milk mere minutes after birth on a sow farm in western Illinois. Porcine epidemic diarrhea virus, which has killed off 10 percent or more of the nation's hogs over the last year, is starting to threaten farmers again, but now they have new vaccines, conditionally approved by the Department of Agriculture, to fight disease.**

(Nathan Weber/The New York Times)

a third is on the horizon.

"I've been in this industry for 37 years, and I have never seen it pull together like it has in this crisis," said Bill Marks, chief executive of MJ Biologics in Mankato, Minnesota, which is hoping to get Agriculture Department's approval soon for the third vaccine. "The leadership of our trade associations has been fantastic, and the collaboration between universities and private industry has been phenomenal."

The virus infects sows and is passed from them to their piglets, which are particularly vulnerable. About half of the nation's 6 million sows have contracted it,

Circle Four Farms, a unit of Smithfield Foods that is the largest hog farm in Utah, was among the latest operations hit by the virus, said Dr. Tom Burkgren, executive director of the American Association of Swine Veterinarians. For reasons that are unclear, the virus is not as active in warm weather, but since temperatures have started falling, more farms are reporting outbreaks.

"We're concerned going into the fall that we will see the same uptick we saw last fall and winter," Burkgren said. "January, February and March were really tough, so everyone is holding their breath and keep-

ing their fingers crossed." professor at Iowa State University, where much of the research on the virus has been done. The licenses are conditional, meaning that the companies have met the Agriculture Department's requirements for safety and purity and have a reasonable expectation of efficacy. "Preliminary studies on these vaccines have been promising, and they've shown sufficient data that we think the vaccines will be effective," Joelle Hayden, a department spokeswoman, wrote in an email. The vaccines are administered to pregnant sows infected with the virus during the weeks or days before they give birth;

said Zoetis was still preparing data on efficacy in the field and potency, which it will need for full licensing. Harrisvaccines and Zoetis would not provide the names of veterinarians or farmers who have used their vaccines. The Harrisvaccines product, the first the Agriculture Department approved, was developed by modifying a gene sequence from a Chinese strain of the virus, said Joel Harris, the company's head of sales and marketing. "If there's anything good to come out of this, it's the realization of how vulnerable the ag industry is to these animal diseases," Harris said. □





## 'Gone Girl' helps shake off box office cobwebs

MICHAEL CIEPLY

© 2014 New York Times

**LOS ANGELES** - Like the heroes of Christopher Nolan's coming sci-fi thriller "Interstellar," Hollywood finally may have found its wormhole to a brighter season. Over the weekend, David Fincher's thriller "Gone Girl" from 20th Century Fox, which had \$26.8 million in domestic ticket sales, for a 10-day total of \$78.3 million, backed by several new movies, pushed the box office to an estimated \$149 million, up 28.2 percent from the comparable weekend last year, according to the Rentrak service. Universal's "Dracula Untold," with \$23.5 million in sales, Walt Disney's "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" with \$19.1 million, and Warner Bros.' "The Judge," with \$13.3 million, were among the leading new films. Warner's horror flick "Annabelle," in its second weekend, ranked fourth with \$16.4 million and topped "The Judge," with Robert Downey Jr.

The burst of moviegoing follows a spring-summer season that saw domestic sales drop 15 percent from a year ago, as films like Warner's "Edge of Tomorrow" and Sony's "Sex Tape" failed to charm. Now, the buzz-driven success of "Gone Girl," about a monstrously failed marriage, along with the fresh hits, will bring viewers to trailers for potentially powerful films that should keep 2014 from becoming a box-office embarrassment. "I think the movie is a wonder," Brad Grey, chief executive of Paramount Pictures, promised of his own prime prospect, "Interstellar."

Paramount shares Nolan's film with Warner and Leg-



This image released by 20th Century Fox shows Ben Affleck in a scene from "Gone Girl." Over the weekend, "Gone Girl", backed by several new movies, pushed the box office to an estimated \$149 million, up 28.2 percent from the comparable weekend last year, according to the Rentrak service.

(AP Photo/20th Century Fox, Merrick Morton)

endary Entertainment. And its reception may tell whether Hollywood's fourth quarter matches last year, when "Gravity," "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" and "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug" pushed domestic sales to roughly \$2.7 billion. That contributed to a robust \$10.9 billion in domestic full-year sales. To date, Paramount has kept a lid on "Interstellar," which tells of travel through a supposed wormhole in space and time. It has avoided publicity screenings. Instead, the studio has teased fans of Nolan - he directed Warner's "Dark Knight" films - with a gamelike Google hub and an app, the chance to sample the film on an Oculus Rift virtual reality device, and the promise of Imax and other film format (as opposed to digital) screenings two days before a wide release on Nov. 7. Speaking last week, Grey sought to frame "Interstellar" as a Nolan masterwork: "His attention to detail in

this picture on every level is stunning," he said.

If viewers respond - it would take about \$275 million in domestic sales to top last year's "Gravity" - other films must still measure up to last year's strong performers.

(Those who count sales can still use a favorite site, Box Office Mojo. It reappeared over the weekend, after a Friday disappearance prompted speculation that Amazon, its owner, had closed it. Amazon representatives did not answer queries.)

"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1," from Lionsgate, and "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies," from Warner and its New Line Cinema unit, should line up with their predecessors.

**Cultural Night**  
Cultural Dance Show by a local dance group on main stage  
MONDAY AT 8:00 PM

**Fantasy Night**  
Acrobatic Show on main stage  
THURSDAY AT 8:00 PM

**Paseo Herencia**  
"See, enjoy, Aruba's pride"  
Shopping, Dining & Entertainment  
**Caribbean PAN NIGHT**  
Steel Pan Music Live on main stage  
FRIDAY AT 8:00 PM

**WALTZING WATER SHOW**  
EVERY NIGHT AT  
7:30 pm 8:30 pm 9:30 pm 10:30 pm

Parking available in Paseo Parking Garage at Afl. 1.75 per hour • www.paseoherencia.com • facebook.com/paseoherencia



# Old Traditions Made Immediate at BomPlenazo 2014



Roberto Cepeda dances as drummer Nelson Cabassa, left, performs at the BomPlenazo Artists Collective concert in New York, Oct. 11, 2014. The concert was the capstone of BomPlenazo 2014, the eighth biennial celebration of Afro-Puerto Rican music and dance.

(Hiroyuki Ito/The New York Times)

**BEN RATLIFF**

© 2014 New York Times

NEW YORK - It would be impossible to imagine the music of the BomPlenazo Artists Collective, which played a large-cast concert of Afro-Puerto Rican roots music on Saturday night at Hostos Community College in the Bronx, without the movement and dancing that framed, refracted and amplified it. Generally, the drummers occupied the left of the stage and the singers the right, with bass, keyboards and horns at the back. But everybody moved, casually or theatrically, and all roles stayed fluid: There was little division onstage between being a musician and being a dancer, and little division in the au-

dience between hearing with the ears and the eyes. The two-hour concert was a roaring heterophony, street-music jams that incorporated, and were improved by, the small disjunctions among its drummers and singers. But the climaxes arrived in one-on-one encounters: direct, point-counterpoint engagements of listening and improvisation.

The event was the capstone of BomPlenazo 2014, the eighth biennial celebration of Afro-Puerto Rican music and dance at Hostos. (The festival is supervised by Hostos Center for the Arts and Culture, the powerful locus for Latino art founded in 1982.) At the heart of it was bomba and plena, traditions of voice,

drum and movement that thread through the history of Puerto Rico's music and, by extension, the history of New York's.

Bomba is at least three centuries old, percussively deep and dense, involving barrel-shape drums called barriles; the sources of its rhythmic patterns and

practice are West African. Plena is a little more than a century old, oriented around a kind of topical or news-carrying singing. Its drums are panderetas, shallow and tambourine-shaped, held in one hand and struck with the other. And at the heart of this particular concert was Juan

Gutiérrez, who in the early '80s helped start Los Pleneros de la 21, a New York ensemble that has added other elements to bomba and plena - salsa, hip-hop - while preserving the core of each. He was Saturday's musical director, and he gathered 19 musicians for it. □

## CRYSTAL Casino

# Weekly Calendar

---

**MONDAY SENIOR NIGHT**  
 Seniors 50+ receive 1x \$10 Free Slot Play earning 50 points during the week. From 6:00pm - 10:00pm

---

**WEDNESDAY RANDOM PICK SLOT WINNERS**

- Prize 1 = Dinner for two at L.G. Smiths
- Prize 2 = Lunch for two at Aquarius
- Prize 3 = \$50 Free Slot Play (Raffle will start from 8:00pm)

Accumulate 25 points during the week and you are eligible to win

---

**THURSDAY FREE SLOT TOURNAMENT**

- Prize 1 = \$100 • Prize 2 = \$150 • Prize 3 = \$200 • Prize 4 = \$250

Registration starts at 6:00pm - Tournament starts at 8:00pm  
 Accumulate 25 points during the week and you are eligible to participate at the tournament

---

**FRIDAY CRYSTAL DAZZLE NIGHT**

**FREE SLOT PLAY:**

- Prize 1 = \$75 • Prize 2 = \$125 • Prize 3 = \$150

**CASH PRIZES:**

- Prize 4 = \$200 • Prize 5 = \$300

---

**SATURDAY SIZZLING CASH**

- Prize 1 = \$200 • Prize 2 = \$400 • Prize 3 = \$1000

9:30pm - 10:30pm and 11:00pm

Promotions valid for members only

For more information, please call 583-6000 ext. 6318 or ext. 6437  
 Management reserves the right to cancel or change this campaign.

Authentic Murano Glass Jewelry and home decorations, from Murano Island, Italy.

**ANTICA MURRINA VENEZIA**

**Murano**  
Bijoux and More

Exclusive "Antica Murrina" retailer on the island.

Paseo Herencia Mall, J.E. Irawsquin Blvd. 382-A, Aruba



## Rules to Vote By



GAIL COLLINS

© 2014 New York Times

Right now you are probably asking yourself: What should I be looking for in a candidate this election year? Excellent attendance at committee hearings? The ability to write an economic plan from scratch? An affinity for poultry? It's time for some major-league soul-searching.

Cribbing

Good news! Many candidates have been serious enough to release their own plans for critical issues like economic development or health care.

Bad news! Some of them seem to have been plagiarized. Monica Wehby, the physician running for the U.S. Senate as a Republican in Oregon, issued a health care plan that BuzzFeed News reported had been taken from work done by Karl Rove's super PAC, and, in another incident, copied from a former primary opponent.

Mary Burke, a candidate for governor of Wisconsin, got caught lifting pieces of her jobs plan from various sources. She came back with an ad saying: "As governor, I'm going to take the best ideas wherever I can find them." In Georgia, it turns out that the Republican Senate candidate David Perdue's "five precepts of economic development" were borrowed from Lee Kuan Yew, the ex-prime minister of Singapore.

Generally, this sort of thing is less about ethics than failure to supervise staffers who were supposed to steal ideas and then rewrite them with different words. However, in Perdue's case, it's sort of weird when you adopt precepts from a guy who used to have citizens beaten with canes for vandalism.

Bad Behavior

If a candidate gets caught with his pants down, metaphorically or literally, voters should ask:

A) Is this likely to happen again?

B) Will his colleagues think he's ridiculous?

C) What choice do I have?

We recently learned that Paul Davis, the Democratic candidate for governor in Kansas, was once at a strip club when it was raided by police. Alone with a topless dancer wearing only a G-string. This is kind of embarrassing, but the incident happened 16 years ago. And it's unlikely voters need to worry a whole lot about waking up to a repetition.

On the other hand, there's Rep. Mark Sanford, the former South Carolina "Love Guv" who recently announced his breakup with his fiancée in a wildly egotistical and embarrassing

2,346-word Facebook posting. In Sanford's case, the answer to the three questions are: A) Absolutely; B) Yes; and C) None whatsoever, since he is running unopposed.

Animal-Related Bad Behavior

In Iowa, Democrat Bruce Braley's Senate campaign ran into trouble when Republicans discovered he had once complained to a neighborhood association about the woman next door keeping chickens in her backyard. Birds that were, it turned out, "therapy chickens" used in work with troubled children.

Braley is running against Republican Joni Ernst, who became famous for bragging about her youthful experience castrating pigs. But Chickengate provided Republicans with another opportunity to recall that during the federal government shutdown, Braley was quoted complaining about tough times in the Capitol gym. ("There's no towel service.")

Attendance

What if your senator misses committee meetings? This has come up in North Carolina, Kentucky and New Hampshire, where Republicans denounced Sen. Jeanne Shaheen for failing to show up for public hearings of the Foreign Relations Committee. You can pick up useful information at some public hearings. At others, there's Kevin Costner explaining how to clean up oil spills. Or Elmo from "Sesame Street" urging support for musical education and trying to eat the microphone. Or a member of a boy band expressing his concerns about mountaintop mining.

If your lawmaker seems to be doing something constructive with his or her time, I wouldn't worry about the committees. "I was on four committees, two subcommittees, a bunch of caucuses," said a former senator recently. "And plus I was doing my National Guard duty, so I don't think there's ever an expectation to have 100 percent attendance."

That would be the Republican Scott Brown, Shaheen's opponent, who Democrats claim attended only 44 percent of the meetings of the Homeland Security Committee while he was in the Senate from 2010-12.

Security

Ignore anybody who claims his or her opponent is a threat to national security.

For instance, there's the Arizona Republican congressional candidate Wendy Rogers, who ran an ad showing the prelude to the beheading of an American journalist as a narrator warned: "Terrorist threats are growing. Are we secure? Are we protected? [...] Kyrsten Sinema allowed her liberal agenda to get in the way of our safety."

Sinema's sins were matters like supporting efforts to give Guantánamo Bay detainees trials in U.S. courts.

Also, the ad misspelled "safety." Really, when you're warning people that we have to be very, very careful, you ought to check the details. □



## Exploring The Diversity of Islam



NICHOLAS KRISTOF

© 2014 New York Times

A few days ago, I was on a panel on Bill Maher's television show on HBO that became a religious war.

Whether or not Islam itself inspires conflict, debates about it certainly do. Our conversation degenerated into something close to a shouting match and went viral on the Web. Maher and a guest, Sam Harris, argued that Islam is dangerous yet gets a pass from politically correct liberals, while actor Ben Affleck denounced their comments as "gross" and "racist." I sided with Affleck.

After the show ended, we panelists continued to wrangle on the topic for another hour with the cameras off. Maher ignited a debate that is rippling onward, so let me offer three points of nuance.

First, historically, Islam was not particularly intolerant, and it initially elevated the status of women. Anybody looking at the history even of the 20th century would not single out Islam as the bloodthirsty religion; it was Christian/Nazi/Communist Europe and Buddhist/Taoist/Hindu/atheist Asia that set records for mass slaughter.

Likewise, it is true that the Quran has passages hailing violence, but so does the Bible, which recounts God ordering genocides, such as the one against the Amalekites.

Second, today the Islamic world includes a strain that truly is disproportionately intolerant

and oppressive. Barbarians in the Islamic State cite their faith as the reason for their monstrous behavior - most recently beheading a British aid worker devoted to saving Muslim lives - and give all Islam a bad name. Moreover, of the 10 bottom-ranking countries in the World Economic Forum's report on women's rights, nine are majority Muslim. In Afghanistan, Jordan and Egypt, more than three-quarters of Muslims favor the death penalty for Muslims who renounce their faith, according to a Pew survey.

The persecution of Christians, Ahmadis, Yazidis, Bahai - and Shiites - is far too common in the Islamic world. We should speak up about it.

Third, the Islamic world contains multitudes: It is vast and varied. Yes, almost 4 out of 5 Afghans favor the death penalty for apostasy, but most Muslims say that that is nuts. In Indonesia, the most populous Muslim country in the world, only 16 percent of Muslims favor such a penalty. In Albania, Azerbaijan, and Kazakhstan, only 2 percent or fewer Muslims favor it, according to the Pew survey.

Beware of generalizations about any faith because they sometimes amount to the religious equivalent of racial profiling. Hinduism contained both Gandhi and the fanatic who assassinated him. The Dalai Lama today is an extraordinary humanitarian, but the fifth Dalai Lama in 1660 ordered children massacred "like eggs smashed against rocks."

Christianity encompassed the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and the 13th-century papal legate who in France ordered the massacre of 20,000 Cathar men, women and children for heresy, reportedly saying: Kill them all; God will know his own.

One of my scariest encounters was with mobs of Javanese Muslims who were beheading people they accused of sorcery and carrying their heads on pikes. But equally repugnant was the Congo warlord who styled himself a Pentecostal pastor;

while facing charges of war crimes, he invited me to dinner and said a most pious grace.

The caricature of Islam as a violent and intolerant religion is horrendously incomplete. Remember that those standing up to Muslim fanatics are mostly Muslims. In Pakistan, a gang of Muslim men raped a young Muslim woman named Mukhtar Mai as punishment for a case involving her brother; after testifying against her attackers and winning in the courts, she selflessly used the compensation money she received from the government to start a school for girls in her village. The Taliban gunmen who shot Malala Yousafzai for advocating for education were Muslims; so was Malala.

Iran has persecuted Christians and Bahais, but a Muslim lawyer, Mohammad Ali Dadkhah, showed enormous courage by challenging the repression and winning release of a pastor. Dadkhah is now serving a nine-year prison sentence.

A lawyer friend of mine in Pakistan, Rashid Rehman, was a great champion of human rights and religious tolerance - and was assassinated this year by fundamentalists who stormed his office.

Sure, denounce the brutality, sexism and intolerance that animate the Islamic State and constitute a significant strain within Islam. But don't confuse that with all Islam: Heroes like Mukhtar, Malala, Dadkhah and Rehman also represent an important element.

Let's not feed Islamophobic bigotry by highlighting only the horrors while neglecting the diversity of a religion with 1.6 billion adherents - including many who are champions of tolerance, modernity and human rights. The great divide is not between faiths, but one between intolerant zealots of any tradition and the large numbers of decent, peaceful believers likewise found in each tradition. Maybe that is too complicated to convey in a TV brawl. But it's the reality. □



# No Smoke, No Mirrors: The Dutch Pension Plan

**MARY WILLIAMS WALSH**  
© 2014 New York Times

Imagine a place where pensions were not an ever-deepening quagmire, where the numbers told the whole story and where workers could count on a decent retirement.

Imagine a place where regulators existed to make sure everyone followed the rules.

That place might just be the Netherlands. And it could provide an example for troubled U.S. cities, or for states like Illinois and New Jersey that have promised more in pension benefits than they can deliver.

"The rest of the world sort of laughs at the United States - how can a great country like the United States get so many things wrong?" said Keith Ambachtsheer, a Dutch pension specialist who works at the University of Toronto - specifically at its Rotman International Center for Pension Management, a global clearinghouse of information on how successful retirement systems work.

Going Dutch, however, can be painful. Dutch pensions are scrupulously funded, unlike many U.S. plans, and are required to tally their liabilities with brutal honesty, using a method that is common in the financial-services industry but rejected by U.S. public pension funds.

The Dutch system rests on the idea that each generation should pay its own costs - and that the costs must be measured accurately if that is to happen. After the financial collapse of 2008, workers and retirees in the Netherlands took the bitter medicine needed to rebuild their collective nest eggs quickly, with higher contributions from workers and benefit cuts for pensioners.

The Dutch approach bears little resemblance to the U.S. practice of shielding the current generation of workers, retirees and taxpayers while pushing costs and risks into the future, where they can metastasize unseen.

The most recent data suggest public funds in the United States are holding just 67 cents for every dollar they owe to current and

future pensioners, and in some places the strain is palpable. The Netherlands, by contrast, have no Detroit (no cities going bankrupt because pension costs grew while the population shrank), no Puerto Ricos (territories awash in debt but with no access to bankruptcy court) and nothing like an Illinois or New Jersey, where elected officials kicked the can down the road so many times that it

may seem a counterintuitive way to make sure that pensions are well-funded, it actually encourages companies to stick with pension plans. If the markets drop, Dutch employers do not receive urgent calls to pump in more money - the kind of cash calls that have prompted so many U.S. companies to stop offering pensions. In the private sector, only 14 percent of Americans with retirement

a looming pension funding crisis. In response, the central bank in 2002 began to require pension funds to keep at least \$1.05 on hand for every dollar they would have to pay in future benefits. If a fund fell below the line, it had just three years to recover.

U.S. public pension funds have no such minimum requirement, and even if they did, there is no regulator to enforce it. Company pen-

sions about this in the Netherlands," said Theo Kocken, an economist who teaches at the Free University in Amsterdam and is the founder of Cardano, a risk analysis firm. "But all economists now agree. The expected-return approach is a huge economic offense, hurting younger generations."

While the Netherlands has a stellar reputation for saving, that doesn't mean pensions have been without controversy there; in fact, a loud, intergenerational debate is occurring about how to manage pensions.

The financial crisis raised new calls for reform, Ambachtsheer said. Retirees were shocked and angry to have their pensions cut by an average of 2 percent after the crash. That had never happened before, and many had no idea that cuts were even possible. A new political party, 50Plus, sprang up to defend the interests of older citizens and won two seats in the national Parliament.

But something else happened: Dutch young people found their voice. No matter their employment sector, they could see that their pension money was commingled with retirees' money, then invested that way by the outside asset management firms.

In the wake of the financial crisis, they realized that they and the retirees had fundamentally opposing interests. The young people were eager to keep taking investment risk, to take advantage of their long time horizon.

But the retirees now wanted absolute safety, which meant investing in risk-free, cashlike assets. If all the money remained pooled, young people said, the aggressive investment returns they wanted would be diluted by the pittance that cashlike assets pay.

"Now the question is, 'How do you resolve this dilemma?'" Ambachtsheer said. "Everybody wants safety and everybody wants an affordable system, and you can't have both. It's become a major public debate in the Netherlands."

It's a debate that is rarely, if ever, heard in the United States. □



**The Dutch pension system rests on the idea that each generation should pay its own costs — and those costs must be meticulously measured and accounted for.**

**(Jon Reinfurt/The New York Times)**

finally hit a dead end.

About 90 percent of Dutch workers earn real pensions at their jobs. Their benefits are intended to amount to about 70 percent of their lifetime average pay, as many financial planners recommend. For this and other reasons, the Netherlands has for years been at or near the top of global pension rankings compiled by Mercer, the consulting firm, and the Australian Center for Financial Studies, among others.

Accomplishing this feat - solid workplace pensions for most citizens - isn't easy. For one thing, it's expensive. Dutch workers typically sock away nearly 18 percent of their pay, most of it in diversified, professionally run pension funds. That compares with 16.4 percent for U.S. workers, but most of that is for Social Security, which is intended to provide just 40 percent of a middle-class worker's income in retirement.

Dutch employers contribute to their system, too, but their payments are usually capped. While that

plans at work have defined-benefit pension plans - the ones that offer the most security - compared with 38 percent who had them in 1979. And if the markets rally and a Dutch pension fund earns more than it needs, the employers are not allowed to touch the surplus. In the United States, companies have found many ways to tap a pension surplus. The problem today is that there usually is no surplus left.

Dutch companies, as well as public-sector employers, typically band together by sector in big, pooled pension plans, then hire nonprofit firms to invest the money. Terms are negotiated sectorwide in talks that resemble U.S.-style collective bargaining.

This vast collaborative process may sound too slow, too unwieldy and maybe even too socialist for U.S. tastes. But standing guard over it is a decidedly capitalist watchdog, the Dutch central bank. More than a decade ago, after the dot-com collapse, a director of the central bank warned of

sions are bound by federal funding rules, but Congress has a tendency to soften them.

The Dutch central bank also imposed a rigorous method for measuring the current value of all pensions due in the future. Pensions are not supposed to be risky, so the Dutch measure them the same way the market prices very safe bonds, like Treasuries - that is, by discounting the future payments to today's dollars with a very low interest rate. This method shows that a stable lifelong benefit is very valuable, and therefore very expensive to fund. Notably, the Dutch central bank prohibited the measurement method that virtually all U.S. states and cities use, which is based on the hope that strong market gains on pension investments will make the benefits cheaper. A significant downside to this method is that it lets pension systems take advantage of market gains today, but pushes the risk of losses into the future, for others to cope with. "We had lengthy discus-